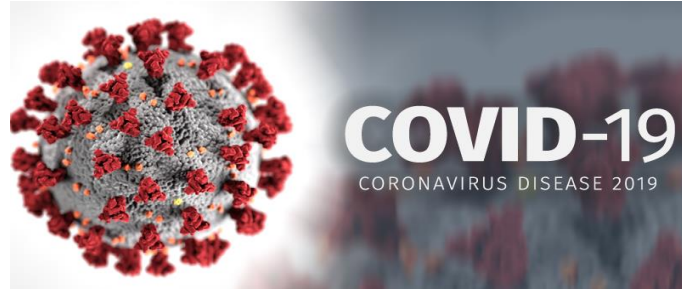


COVID-19 Testing in Schools



Yellow Zone Testing Requirements

Schools in yellow zones must test at least 20% of in-person students, faculty, and staff ***over a two-week period immediately following the announcement of a yellow zone designation.***

- If the results of the testing reveal that the positivity rate among the 20% of those tested is lower than the yellow zone's current 7-day positivity rate, testing at that school will no longer be required to continue. A positivity rate in a school that is lower than in the yellow zone is sufficient demonstration that in-person instruction is not a significant driver of local viral spread.
- If the results of testing over the first two weeks reveal that the positivity rate among in-person students, staff and faculty is higher than the yellow zone's current 7-day positivity rate, the school will be required to continue to test 20% of the in-person population on a bi-weekly basis.

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Test

- Abbott Rapid Antigen test – nasal swab collection
- BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card
- Biohazard waste
- Nurse conducting tests should be in full PPE
- All others (check-in staff/recorders) should wear N95 masks
- Once micro-cluster zone is designated, St. Lawrence County will ship tests to the school district

COVID-19 Testing in the OCSD

District-wide total staff and students in person: **908** staff and students

20% of population district-wide: **182** staff and students

| <u>School</u> | Individual building totals (staff and students) | 20% of population (staff and students) | Location in which testing will be performed | Location of waiting area | Person responsible for conducting tests |
|---------------------|--|---|---|--------------------------------|---|
| O.F.A. | 408 | 82 | O.F.A. Main Gymnasium | O.F.A. Main Gymnasium | Kristin Ashley, RN Colleen Blevins, RN |
| John F. Kennedy | 325 | 65 | Betty J. Mallott Cafetorium (stage) | Betty J. Mallott Cafetorium | Tara Kroeger, RN |
| Dr. Grant C. Madill | 175 | 35 | Library | Cafetorium | Tara Kroeger, RN |

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How will 20% of staff and students be identified?

- Staff and student testing will be volunteer-based first. (*Schools can achieve the 20% threshold with volunteers.*)
- After volunteers are exhausted, a targeted random selection method will be utilized.
- Written consent from parents is required. (*St. Lawrence county regional consent form will be used.*)
- Testing of staff is a condition of employment. Therefore, consent is not required.



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Testing Procedures

- Two locations (rooms) will be utilized in each building.
 - One location will be used as a testing site
 - Each testing site will consist of 3 – 5 socially distanced stations with a table, hand sanitizer, and wipes
 - The second location will be utilized for a waiting area (where students will wait for results)
 - The waiting area will consist of 12 – 15 socially distanced chairs set up with hand sanitizer
 - There is an entrance and an exit in each location
- One nurse will be in each testing site
 - *A Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Certificate Waiver must be obtained due to the fact that schools are not affiliated with a laboratory that conducts clinical testing.*



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Testing Procedures *(continued)*

- Each room will have a check-in person.
 - Testing site check-in person will:
 - open card prior to use and label with student or staff identifying information
 - label patient COVID-19 fact sheet
 - Waiting area check-in person will:
 - take attendance
 - allow patient to return to class/job if negative result is obtained
 - send patient to isolation room if positive result is obtained
- Each room will have a recorder
 - Testing site recorder will:
 - record results on master list
 - Waiting area recorder will:
 - provides results to student or staff



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Orange Zone Testing Requirements

- Schools in orange zones must test at least 20% of in-person students, faculty, and staff *over the one-month period immediately following the announcement of an orange zone designation.*
- 10% must be conducted on a bi-weekly basis

Red Zone Testing Requirements

- Schools in red zones must test at least 30% of in-person students, faculty, and staff *over the one-month period immediately following the announcement of a red zone designation.*
- 15% must be conducted on a bi-weekly basis

Closure Metrics

- If the random sampling generates 9 or more positive cases in any school, or if for a sample size of more than 300 weekly tests, achieves a positivity rate of 2% or higher (6 cases or more depending on sample size) in New York City, or 3% (9 or more cases depending on sample size) outside of New York City, of one such discrete sample, then the school will be required to close.

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