



East Providence School Department

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), in collaboration with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), is pleased to announce that we are now offering participation in a COVID-19 testing program at the East Providence schools. Rhode Island continues to pursue aggressive testing for COVID-19 as a foundation of addressing the pandemic in the state. As part of the state testing approach, we are now testing in schools.

Your student's school is being provided a supply of BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Test Cards. These tests have been made available to RIDOH from the federal government. All students, staff and teachers at schools are being offered testing through this program until the end of the 2020/2021 school year free of charge. The district aims to offer an ongoing testing program to all students and staff, although future testing may be dependent on supplies. This consent will apply for all testing sessions going forward through the end of the 2020/2021 school year.

Testing will begin in the district the week of January 25th. At any time, you or your student may decline to participate.

For each testing session, your student will receive one nasal swab. This swab will be run on the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Test Card. The results of this test will be available within an hour. You will be called if the result is positive. The school administrator at your student's school will have access to the result of the BinaxNOW test. If you have any questions on the program, you may reach out to our Head Nurse, Diane Wallace. In order for your student to participate in this testing program, your permission is needed. **Sign below and return form back to the school if you would like your student to participate.**

Child's Name _____

Child's School _____

Child's Grade Level _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian's Email _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

In closing, we would like to thank you for your support of this new program and our efforts to expand our prevention, detection and testing of COVID-19 in our state and within our schools.

Sincerely,

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The East Providence School Department, in partnership with families and the community, is committed to provide a comprehensive, inclusive program of academic excellence in a safe, nurturing environment preparing all students to become responsible, life-long learners able to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

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