

September 2, 2021

Parents / Guardians:

Liberty School District now has the option to offer Abbott BinaxNOW rapid testing to students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, with parental consent. Nurse Denise Lucas has been trained and will perform the tests. The test is for diagnostic purposes only to identify current infection. Students must have a written consent on file prior to testing. Verbal consent will also be obtained as a secondary measure, so please make sure your contact information is current.

Any student at school who is showing symptoms will be eligible to be tested if prior consent has been given. Students who are not at school due to symptoms can be brought to school to be tested. The parent/guardian would need to call the school to make arrangements for the testing to be done.

If the results of the test are negative and the student is not exhibiting a fever of more than 100.0 and/or vomiting, the student (and siblings) may return to class. If the test is positive, the student and all other household members would need to isolate immediately and continue for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, unless they have been vaccinated.

This testing is free and completely voluntary. It will not be performed without written consent on file and verbal consent immediately before testing. If you choose not to take this opportunity, the same policy we've been following all last year is still in place. A child with symptoms would need a physician's note or a negative test result to return to school or stay home for 10 days from symptom onset.

Additional information is available on the enclosed document. If you give consent to have your child tested should he/she show symptoms at school, please fill out the enclosed consent form and return it to school right away. If you fill out the form now and change your mind at any time, your child will not be tested. We will always get verbal consent immediately before testing. If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Denise Lucas at 217-645-5000 – option 6.

Sincerely,

Kelle Bunch, Ed. D.
Superintendent