

Covid-19 Testing & Return to In-Person Hybrid Instruction

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will Lake Shore resume in-person hybrid instruction?

A: Sufficient numbers were tested to allow us to resume hybrid instruction on Dec. 15th. The District will announce when additional sessions are scheduled.

Current guidance in our Orange Zone designation requires us to test 20% of in-person students, faculty and staff for COVID-19 over a one-month period. The number of students, faculty and staff tested must be proportionately spread across the month with a maximum/minimum of 10% tested biweekly. We currently are accepting parent/guardian forms granting consent to test their children.

Q: Where can I find the District's COVID-19 Testing Procedures?

A: The COVID-19 testing procedures are posted [on our website](#) in the coronavirus section of the homepage.

Q: When could the District begin testing?

A: The District conducted testing on Dec. 11th. Because of the high level of participation, the District was able to cancel testing that had been scheduled for Dec. 14 and 17.

Q. When will future testing be conducted?

A. The District will announce when testing sessions are scheduled.

Q: Do Pre-K students need to get tested?

A. No.

Q: How often will K-12 students need to get tested?

A: Once we go through the first line of testing, we will be able to randomize students and staff. We will then communicate with those who should schedule an appointment. We would need to test 10% bimonthly (20% monthly) while still in the Orange Zone.

Q: What will it cost the District?

A: The New York State Department of Health will provide the actual tests to the District. The District incur the cost of administering the tests and is looking into reimbursement through the Cares Act or similar grants.

Q: What COVID-19 test will be used?

A: The Binax COVID-19 (non-invasive) rapid tests will be used. You can view a demonstration of that test [HERE](#).

Q: What if a parent does not consent to having a COVID-19 test for their child(ren)?

A: Guidance right now allows students to come to school if they are not tested, as long as 20% of the population IS tested. If we don't have 20% of the population to test, school cannot open to in-person instruction

Q: Must remote students be tested?

A: Remote students are not required to be tested.

Q: Once testing begins, does this mean the District is no longer required to stay in remote instruction while in the Orange Zone designation?

A: Not necessarily: if the testing sample generates nine or more positive cases in any school, that school will be required to return to full remote instruction.

Q: What happens now when a district is in a Yellow, Orange, or Red Zone designation?

A: See the updated guidance for Yellow, Orange, and Red zone designations [HERE](#).