

## **COVID-19 BINAX TESTING**

### **COVID-19 Student Consent and Waiver**

LaGrange Highlands School District 106 will be approving and implementing a COVID-19 testing program through the use of the Abbott BinaxNOW test (“Binax Test”) as part of our efforts to maintain a safe environment for our school community. This testing program is being used as one part of the District’s overall safety protocols that includes masks, social distancing, cleaning, and other mitigation strategies. The testing program permits the District to administer the Binax Test to students who, at the discretion of the school nurse or building administrator, are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 at school. There is no requirement that parents/guardians consent to this program; however, if a student exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 at school and does not have a consent form on file, the student will be sent home.

Students who are experiencing symptoms prior to coming to the District should not come to the District for testing but rather should quarantine and seek testing with a healthcare provider.

The Binax Test is a fast-acting antigen test approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and distributed to the State for the use in a variety of settings, including schools. The Binax Test is administered through a nasal swab and results are available within 15 minutes. All swabs will be used solely for the purpose of COVID-19 testing and then destroyed in a manner appropriate for biological specimens.

All Binax Test results will be provided to the parent/guardian, both positive and negative. Testing results will also be provided to local, state and federal public health officials as required. Any individual results, or associated information, retained by appropriate representatives of the District shall be maintained in a confidential manner.

Any student testing positive on the Binax Test will be isolated and the parent/guardian will be notified to pick up the student from school; the student will then follow District and IDPH guidance on the required quarantine and return to school protocols.

If you have any questions about the testing program, please contact Superintendent John Munch, or feel free to discuss the proposed testing with your physician, to learn about the purpose, potential risks and benefits of any testing.

By signing below, you:

1. acknowledge that you have read this form in its entirety; and
2. voluntarily consent to your student participating in the Binax Test, as needed, and to the collection of the nasal swab for the sole purposes of these testing protocols; and

3. understand and consent to your student participating in the Binax Test at the District; and
4. acknowledge that if your student tests positive for COVID on the Binax Test, that you will be required to pick your student up from school and will adhere to the District and IDPH guidance on required quarantine and return to school protocols; and
5. voluntarily consent to the disclosure of your student's positive test results to appropriate representatives of the District which will be maintained as a record in the same manner that the District currently maintains other student health related records; and
6. voluntarily consent to the disclosure and reporting of your student's test results to required local, state and federal public health officials as provided by law; and
7. acknowledge that no testing is 100% accurate, the results of the Binax Test should not be used as the sole basis, or any definitive basis, to diagnose or confirm COVID-19 or inform infection status; and
8. agree that your student will comply with all District COVID-19 health and safety procedures including wearing masks while on District property, monitoring themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 and reporting those symptoms to you and the school nurse, practicing social distancing at all times while on District property, avoiding exposure to large groups of people, both in and out of school, and regularly washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer.
9. waive, release and hold harmless the District, including its Board members, administrators, and employees from any claims arising out of the participation in the testing program, including but not limited to any inaccurate testing results.

If at any time, you choose to revoke consent as provided here, the revocation must be received by Superintendent John Munch in writing indicating your desire to revoke your consent for your student to participate in the administration of the BinaxTest as detailed herein.