



# EUFSD COVID-19 Test Planning

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The planning for or administering of COVID-19 tests in the EUFSD will be determined by the availability of tests and assistance from the NYS Department of Health and our local Westchester County Department of Health.

# School Testing in *Yellow Zones*

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1. Select the 20% Test Population
2. Obtain Consent Forms for Students
3. Develop Testing Schedule
4. Develop Notification For Test Results





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## COVID-19 Consent Form

Effective November 16, 2020, New York State now requires that any schools in designated Yellow Zones that plan to remain open for in-person learning must conduct random COVID-19 testing. Yellow Zones are determined by postal code. If our community is designated as a cluster zone, COVID-19 surveillance testing of in-person students and staff will be mandatory in order for our schools to remain open.

Although we are not a designated yellow zone as of this email on (December 7, 2020), the Elmsford Union Free School District is preparing to fulfill the potential testing requirement, should we have to begin testing. To assist us with this planning process, the District asks that you answer the questions below and provide consent for your child to be tested.

Please note that, as the District is required to test a certain percentage of in-person students, your child may be selected for testing even if you do not consent. If your child is receiving in-person instruction and you have not consented to have them tested, your child may be required to move to fully remote instruction until such time as:

- (1) a test is conducted, whether pursuant to the District's testing procedures or upon presentation of proof that the student was tested privately by you with a negative test result, or
- (2) until the cluster zone designation is lifted.

Please be sure to complete one consent form for each student in your household.

As always, we thank you for your partnership as we strive to slow the spread of the virus.

\* Required

Email address \*

Your email \_\_\_\_\_





*During Governor Cuomo’s Press Conference on Monday, November 30, 2020, he stated that NY will encourage school districts to keep schools open, particularly K-8 schools. “Our efforts will be focused on keeping K-8 and Special Education open as long as it can be done safely—using sustainable, ongoing testing. While local school districts are able to close at levels under the State’s mandatory closure rule, they are urged to keep K-8 schools open whenever it is safe.”*



The Binax COVID-19 is intended for the qualitative detection of nucleocapsid protein antigen from SARS-CoV-2 in direct nasal swabs from Individuals when screening for COVID-19 . This is recommended within the first seven days of symptom onset.



## BinaxNOW

- ✓ Antigen is generally detectable in nasal swabs during the acute phase of infection.
- ✓ Positive results indicate the presence of viral antigens, but clinical correlation with patient history and other diagnostic information is necessary to determine infection status.
- ✓ Positive results do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses.



## Schedule

A schedule for testing will be developed either once designated a micro-cluster or a proactive measure to slow the spread...



Questions?