

Dear Wylie ISD Parents and Staff,

In Wylie ISD, we are committed to doing all we can to keep staff and students healthy and safe. With this goal in mind, we are pleased to share that we will be taking part in a statewide program offering rapid tests for use in schools. This program will allow Wylie ISD to test symptomatic individuals—including staff and students-- and reduce the risk to our school community. This email offers further information on the tests and the testing program. If you have additional questions, you can view FAQ's here at <https://wyliebulldogs.org/covid19> or contact [mmarch@wylie.esc14.net](mailto:mmarch@wylie.esc14.net).

### **What COVID-19 tests are used in this program?**

This program uses [BinaxNOW tests](#), which provide results in 15 minutes and are administered using a nasal swab in the front area of the nostril. These tests have been shown to be highly accurate, with accuracy rates of 97-98% for symptomatic individuals.

### **Who will be tested and when?**

Wylie ISD will be offering this test to any student or staff who is experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

The [BinaxNOW](#) test is completely voluntary and is not required for any students or staff.

Only students that have a completed a permission form on-line and prior to onset of symptoms will be eligible for testing. (consent forms will not be accepted during or after a student is already in the nurse's office). Please fill out the consent form in advance to receive testing services.

Students and staff exhibiting Covid-19 signs or symptoms may be tested starting at 7:30 a.m. The testing site for early testing will be at the Performance Arts Center at Wylie High School, 4502 Antilley Rd. Abilene, Tx. 79606. Please use designated parking slots. Pre- registration for a testing time will be required and available on the Wylie ISD website: <https://wyliebulldogs.org/covid19>. Individuals who are scheduled to be tested should pre-register all of their information at: <https://register.txrapidtest.org/> to generate a QR Code which may be scanned by test administrators in lieu of a drivers license or manually entering the information. Individuals should take a picture of the QR Code or bring a printed copy of the QR Code to the testing site. Students that develop symptoms at school will be registered by the school nurse prior to testing. Staff that develop symptoms at school will complete their registration prior to testing. Testing for students and staff developing symptoms at school will be done at the campus nurses office.

Wylie ISD will be also offering this test to staff working on campus on a as needed basis to determine a negative Covid-19 diagnosis. This test is optional, but we encourage all staff who work on campus to participate in the testing program.

Due to predetermined test supplies, students will be limited to two test per month and staff one test per week.

### **How will the information from the tests be used?**

If a parent has given permission for Wylie ISD to administer the BinaxNOW test for their child, your child's school will call you to let you know that your student is experiencing symptoms and that they will be administering a BinaxNOW test with parent confirmation. Additionally, the student's parent or guardian will receive test results via phone call or text within 30 minutes after test administration and will also receive a confirmation email within 24 hours.

The results will also be shared with the Wylie ISD health director and with the local health department to allow for public health reporting and contact tracing and to determine the stay-at-home period for individuals who test positive. Additionally, the total number of positive tests per school will also be shared with the Texas Department of State Health Services as is required by law.

Wylie ISD recommends that you should share your child's test results with your child's primary care physician.

### **What happens next?**

Tests are available to all students and staff who are showing symptoms of COVID-19. To participate, parents must complete this form (Student Consent Form for Optional Covid-19 Testing Form) included on the Wylie ISD website <https://wyliebulldogs.org/covid19>, prior to testing. The first date testing will be available November 30, 2020.

If your child is experiencing symptoms and you would like for him/ her to be tested, please do not send him/her to campus. Instead please register for a testing time at <https://wyliebulldogs.org/covid19> and <https://register.txrapidtest.org/>. Make sure Wylie ISD has a completed testing permission form on file.