

CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION REGARDING COVID19 ANTIGEN TESTING

The Binax test detects the presence of protein antigens from a covid infection. It is an FDA authorized test. It is for screening purposes of individuals not experiencing symptoms or having a known exposure to a positive case.

It will be performed by a trained, professional nurse. If you have given consent for your child to be tested they might be tested at school when their cohort is in session on campus or will be scheduled for a Wednesday appointment. You will be notified by phone call if your child's name was picked in part of a random sample for the month.

The test involves a **short** Q tip swab and a test card. It takes seconds to collect mucous from each nostril with the swab inserted less than an inch. The swab is then enclosed in a card that is treated with drops to develop the test. The result will be read in 15 minutes. If your child is tested during the school day they will wait in the clinic until the results are ready. If negative they will return to class with papers to share with you when they arrive home. You will get a phone call from the nurse reporting the result.

If the result is positive your child will wait in the isolation room while you are called to pick him/her up to continue isolation at home. You will also receive a phone call from the Erie County Department of Health with further instructions.

If the test is conducted on a Wednesday your child will exit the building immediately after the sample is collected. You will be called that day with the result.

All results are reported to federal, state and local health departments within 24 hrs. If you are notified that your child's test is positive you are to isolate him/her and you will be contacted by the ECDOH with further instructions.

There is no risk of contamination at the testing site whether it is in the school clinic or in the Aud on a Wednesday. All CDC guidance will be followed. Temps will be taken, the 4 questions will be asked regarding your present health, known recent exposure and recent travel. You and the student will be wearing a mask. 6 ft social distancing will be maintained throughout the encounter. The nurse performing the test will wear full PPE, mask, face shield, gown and gloves. Gloves are changed and hand hygiene performed between each patient tested. All kits are discarded in a biohazardous waste receptacle. There will be disinfection of the environmental surfaces between each person tested.