

## Appendix E: FAQs

### **What is COVID-19?**

COVID-19 is disease caused by a virus known as SARS-Cov-2. The virus can have no symptoms or cause mild to severe respiratory illness and people who are infected can have symptoms that include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea congestion or runny nose, fatigue or new loss of taste or smell.

### **What is BINAX NOW?**

BINAX now is a rapid antigen test that was designed to test for the virus that causes COVID-19 and allows for test results in 15 minutes. To collect the specimen, the participant will place a swab, similar to a cotton swab/Q-Tip, inside of the tip of the nose and swirl it around. A staff member who has been trained will help direct the specimen collection.

### **Why was I (or my child) tested?**

You (or your child) was tested as part of routine screening at school to detect cases of COVID-19 to help avoid spread of the virus. This screening program does not replace the other important safety measures that help keep the school community safe, such as mask-wearing, social distancing, frequent handwashing and disinfection of surfaces.

### **What are the known potential risks and benefits of the test?**

Potential risks include:

- Possible discomfort or other complications that can arise from sample collection.
- Possible incorrect test result.

Potential benefits include:

- The results of this test can help keep your school community healthy and safe.
- The results of this test can help limit the spread of COVID-19 to your family and your community.

### **What does it mean if I have a positive test result?**

If you have a positive result it is likely you have COVID-19. There is a small chance this test can give a positive result that is wrong (a false positive result), it is for that reason we recommend that a confirmatory PCR test is sent within 24 hours to confirm the result. The participant or the parent/guardians of a minor will be notified if there is a positive test. The school and the department of public health will also be notified.

### **What will happen if my child tests positive?**

If there is a positive result, you will be notified. The school will move you or a student to a supervised location away from other staff and students until you can pick up your child. A confirmatory PCR test will need to be sent within 24 hours. The school will help coordinate this test. The school and the department of public health will be notified.

### **What does it mean to have a negative test result?**

A negative test means you most likely do not have the virus that causes COVID-19. It is possible that this test to give a negative result that is incorrect (a false negative) in some people with COVID-19. This means you could still possibly have COVID-19 even though your test results are negative.

**How does this test work?**

This test is a 15-minute antigen test. It works by identifying the COVID-19 virus in nasal mucous. It works similarly to a home pregnancy test and gives a result in about 15 minutes. This test is different from an antibody test that is a blood test that checks whether or not you have had a COVID-19 infection in the past. It is also different from a PCR test that goes to a lab to be run and can take several days to come back.

**What does self-isolate mean?**

People who are in isolation should stay home until it's safe for them to be around others. In the home, anyone sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific "sick room" or area and using a separate bathroom. Don't share personal household items, like cups, towels, and utensils. Wear a mask when around other people, if you are able to. Isolation lasts for at least 10 days from the positive test unless otherwise instructed by your primary care doctor or public health department.