

September 29, 2020

Dear CSDS Parents/Guardians:

***Clarification:*** *Consent form does not need to be completed at this time. Form is to be completed if your student is exhibiting symptoms and you would like them tested.*

*Please see the video below on COVID-19 Testing*

<https://video.ibm.com/channel/2qCZzuereq>

Beginning this week, students enrolled in the Central Dauphin School District will have access to on-site COVID-19 testing. This testing will be offered at no cost for any student who shows symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day.

The District will have nurses available in the school buildings to administer the tests. Tests will only be performed with permission from the student's parent. See attached Consent Form. The nurses will collect a nasal swab from the student and submit that swab to Quest Diagnostics for Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing to determine the presence of SARS-CoV-2.

You will have the option to sign up for MyQuest, a secure online portal or app that provides test results as soon as they are available. The test results will also be provided to the school physician, the District, and the Department of Health.

This testing will not only allow symptomatic students to rapidly receive COVID-19 test results, it will also allow the District to maintain a handle on the transmission rates in our schools. It will give the District the ability to address the needs of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and quickly and accurately act to keep all students as safe as possible.

The health and safety of students and staff continues to be a priority of the Central Dauphin School District. The implementation of these safety measures, combined with the low transmission rates within the District, mean that in-person learning is an available option for most students.

The District is very excited to offer this leading edge testing program to our students, and to return students to their classrooms. Attached you will find a fact sheet providing greater detail on the testing program.