

BOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

March 29, 2022

Dear Families and Staff,

To keep our school communities safe after the April break, we strongly encourage all students and staff to be tested for COVID-19 before returning to school on Monday, April 18th, regardless of vaccination status. Students and staff can test through a PCR, lab-based rapid test, or a home test kit. During the week of April 4th, your child will come home with one COVID-19 home test kit box that contains two COVID-19 home tests. We will also be distributing one home test kit box to all staff members for use prior to returning to school from April break. Staff members are asked to follow the same protocols listed below for students. More information will be forthcoming about test kit distribution from Mr. Giard at BCS and Mr. Maselli at BHS in the coming days.

When should my child take the tests?

- **First test on Sunday, April 17:** Please help your child take one of the COVID tests provided on the evening of Sunday, April 17th.
- **Second test:** If your child is symptomatic and tests negative on Sunday, please help your child take the second test 48 hours later on Tuesday evening, April 19th. If your child is symptomatic, they need to remain home until they take the second test or have an alternative diagnosis from a medical professional.
- If your child tests negative and feels well, they should come to school on Monday, April 18th. If your child tests positive, please see the information below.
- Please note, if your child has recovered from a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they do not need to take a test and should attend school on Monday, April 18th, if they are feeling well.
- Staff and students are not required to show proof of a negative test result before being allowed to return to school.

What should I do if my child tests positive on one of the tests?

- Please inform the school nurse and isolate your child for five days. Your child may return to school on the sixth day if they have no symptoms or if their symptoms are improving (including being fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication) and your child must wear a well-fitting mask while at school through the tenth day after their positive test.

Where can I find instructions about the test kit?

- The test kits come with printed instructions that you should follow when administering the test.

Lastly, we ask that all students and staff continue to screen for symptoms daily. Thank you for doing your part to keep COVID-19 out of our schools.

Stay safe and be well,

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