



Akron Central School District

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Akron Central School District Community:

This is a reminder that our schools will resume in person instruction through the hybrid model on Monday, December 7th. However, due a delay shipping delay, the COVID-19 rapid tests will not be administered on Monday. We will begin testing on Tuesday, following the schedule that has been set for that day. Those students and staff that were scheduled for Monday will now receive the test on Thursday. Early next week, an email confirmation will be sent to all students and staff that have their test date moved to Thursday. The rescheduled appointment will remain at the same time. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Over the last few days we have received an influx of forms returned to the district and now have an extensive list of students and staff members that may be selected for the random testing process. There are a few points of information that I would like to emphasize in order to clarify any possible misunderstandings:

- While the Yellow Zone designation requires that 20% of students and staff be tested, those students that were not selected to be tested or will not participate in testing are still expected to come to school.
- The BinaxNow shallow nasal swab rapid test takes just a few moments to administer and the results are known in 15 minutes. Students with negative results will return to class immediately afterward.
- The testing space allows for a private location for the test to be administered and no one other than the trained nurses, district administrators and the parent(s) of the student will be aware of a positive test result.

We are grateful for our students, staff and families who have faithfully followed the requirements of the “new now”; masking, physical distancing, hand hygiene, monitoring of symptoms and quarantining as directed by the local health department. Because of your efforts, our schools are safe places for learning and work for our students and staff. While we will remain steadfast in our commitment to the safety and well-being of everyone in our school community, we will also remain flexible and adapt to the changing conditions in these uncertain times.

Sincerely,
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