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Dear South Seneca Families,

Our district now has the ability to provide the rapid, BinaxNOW covid testing for all students and staff. We anticipate being able to provide the PCR testing for all students and staff within the next few weeks of school.

Included with the packet we are sending home this week are the following:

- a student consent form for both the rapid BinaxNOW test as well as the PCR test
- a consent form for volunteer, asymptomatic testing
- essential information about the testing

It is important to know that the rapid test can be used to rule out Covid-19 for individuals that do not have any symptoms. Please complete the volunteer asymptomatic testing form or reach out to the Health Office if you ever wish to have your asymptomatic child tested with our rapid, BinaxNOW test.

For individuals with symptoms, you will soon be able to have your child receive the PCR test in school if he/she becomes symptomatic during the school day instead of traveling to a doctor's office. It is important to note that this also goes for students who are absent from school due to having symptoms. You will be able to set up a time to come to school and have your child tested here, free of charge. It is our understanding that there is an estimated 24-hour turnaround time for these PCR tests on symptomatic individuals. Once your child has tested negative, with improving symptoms, he/she will be able to return to school.

Please know this is not a requirement, but is purely an effort to lessen the burden on everyone. If you fill out the attached permission form and return it to school, we will be sure to follow your preferences. If not, we will not test your child at school and continue to work with each family as we have since the beginning of last school year.

As always, thank you for your understanding and constant support during these most challenging times!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Houseknecht".

Tim Houseknecht, Principal