



September 2021

Dear Families,

As we prepare to open our school doors for the 2021-2022 school year, health and safety remain our highest priority to keep our students, families, staff, and school community safe. In addition to implementing our health and safety policies and procedures, we are excited to share that we will continue to conduct COVID-19 testing at our school. **Random testing of a portion of our Grades 2-12 unvaccinated students will begin the week of September 20 and take place on a weekly basis. Until fully vaccinated, student athletes participating in high-contact sports will also test weekly.** Continued testing will be evaluated as the school year progresses. This means that pending the public health landscape, we may increase or decrease the percentage of students participating and/or widen the testing group (e.g. to include vaccinated students).

This additional safety measure is intended to complement—and not replace—our current health and safety measures and other adjustments we have made to keep our community safe and our buildings open. The goal of this type of screening testing is to be able to identify individuals who have COVID19 and enable them to take precautions immediately to protect themselves, their families, and the broader school community.

All students are opted-in to testing. If you do not want your student to participate in testing, [please complete this form](#). **Consent to testing is not a requirement for attending in-person learning at this time.**

Testing will also be available for Grades K-12 in the event entire classes and/or cohorts are deemed close contacts. In these scenarios, close contacts will test for 5 consecutive days at school. Students who **opt-out** of testing will have to quarantine for 10 days.

The guidance below shares additional information about the Prospect Schools testing program.

Who will be tested?

We will conduct a weekly saliva-based swab test of up to 20% of the Grade 2-12 student body (drawn from the pool of consenting students) as well as all unvaccinated/partially vaccinated student athletes (participating in high-contact sports). This percentage may increase based on positivity rates or state mandates.

In the event that an entire classroom or cohort is identified as a close contact, Grades K-12 will have the option for daily on-site testing for up to 5 consecutive days in lieu of quarantining.

What type of testing is being offered?

We are working with a vendor (Telopoint Health) that will provide a non-invasive nasal swab test (antigen testing). We will notify families if our testing method or vendor shifts in the year.

**How do I submit consent?**

All students are opted-in to testing. To **opt-out** of testing, please fill out this form.

What happens if I don't consent?

We encourage your student to participate and play a strong role in keeping our schools safe. If you do not consent to the COVID-19 testing, then your student will not be tested. Your student may still attend in-person learning for SY21-22. Student athletes in high-contact sports must continue to test weekly until fully vaccinated.

When will my student be tested?

Prospect Schools plans to test a portion of consenting students each week. If your student is not selected as part of the random testing initially, it is very likely that they may be selected in the near future.

How will I know if my student was randomly selected for testing?

If your student is selected for testing we will notify you the day before testing via email and phone call to make you aware. Student athletes will be tested weekly. Additional information will be provided at that time.

When and how will we hear about the results of testing?

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 by the testing will be immediately contacted. Any additional individuals identified through the contact tracing process will also be contacted. Any changes required to campus operations (ie- closures) will be communicated in a timely manner. **You will only receive results if your student's test returns positive.**

In the coming days we will share additional information about our testing plan. If you have any questions please contact the main office.

Sincerely,
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