

What You Need To Know Now

WHAT: As you may already be aware from [recent communications](#) by Dr. Julie Hackett, Superintendent of Schools, LPS has developed a detailed Surveillance Testing Plan and entered into a Service Agreement with Mirimus Clinical Labs. Resources created by Mirimus Clinical Labs can be found [here](#). Testing is completely voluntary.

WHY: We hope the school-based testing will help reduce the risk of exposure from asymptomatic individuals and keep our community safe. According to the Harvard Global Health Institute "Surveillance testing for educators, paraprofessionals, and other staff is recommended in order to reduce the risk of asymptomatic transmission once the level of community spread has exceeded 20/100,000 daily new cases" (LPS recently hit 21/100,000 COVID-19 positive cases).

WHEN: Testing will begin Tuesday, January 12 for LPS staff. Students will begin testing the week of January 19. The voluntary testing will be offered for bi-weekly for 8 weeks. The exact schedule will be communicated soon.

WHO: Testing is voluntary and available for:

- LPS staff
- LHS students in Cohort A and B Hybrid, and athletes in varsity and junior varsity school sports
- Clarke and Diamond students in Cohort A and B Hybrid

WHERE: Staff and student's parents/guardians will be informed of the specific locations, dates, and times for pick-up and drop-off in the coming days. Participants should not complete their tests on school grounds. This information, along with many other details including FAQs will be on the [LPS website](#).

HOW: Each participant will pick up a test kit which will include specific instructions. Instructional videos will be available on social media and the LPS website.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW:

- Read the Consent Agreement - participants will be asked to "agree" to this agreement on the sample registration form.
- Download a QR reader to your phone - QR codes will be provided as a quick link to the registration form.
- Plan to attend the optional Parent-led Webinar on Monday, January 18, 7pm to ask questions.

COHORT A SCREENING SCHEDULE

KIT PICK UP DATE	SAMPLE DROP OFF DATE
Tuesday 1/19	Wednesday 1/20
Thursday 1/21	Monday 2/1
Thursday 2/4	Monday 2/22
Thursday 2/25	Monday 3/8

COHORT B SCREENING SCHEDULE

KIT PICK UP DATE	SAMPLE DROP OFF DATE
Thursday 1/21	Monday 1/25
Thursday 1/28	Monday 2/8
Thursday 2/11	Monday 3/1

LHS STAFF SCREENING SCHEDULE

KIT PICK UP DATE	SAMPLE DROP OFF DATE
Tuesday 1/19	Wednesday 1/20
Thursday 1/21	Monday 2/1
Thursday 2/4	Monday 2/22
Thursday 2/25	Monday 3/8