Dear awesome WEVS families,

WEVS is excited to announce that, in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, we are providing free weekly COVID-19 testing on site at our school. In order for your student to participate in this free, <u>StrongSchoolsNC COVID-19 testing</u>, you will need to register your student. This program is optional, although we appreciate the highest level of participation possible.

Register your student today with this link

This link and more information is posted on our school website. Please register by Friday, October 22.

Note#1: **As you sign up, the first two questions are screening questions. They are irrelevant; your responses are not analyzed and have no influence on your ability to register. Answer however you see fit to proceed to the registration questions. Registration will ask for your student's name and birthday, and your address and phone number. No other information is required or requested.

Note#2: If you do not sign up now, but decide later to participate, you MAY opt in later.

Keeping Kids Safe

We strongly recommend all families participate in this free program. Research shows routine testing can reduce the spread of COVID-19 by 50%, especially in large settings such as schools. This testing is open to staff as well, and they are encouraged to participate.

How it Works

A parent or guardian must register any minor under 18 years old. You'll give a one-time consent and HIPAA authorization to share testing results with all necessary parties. All testing information is confidential and results will be available in hours.

Raleigh-based MAKO Medical will administer an anterior nares nasal swab test that is quick and gentle. (This is NOT the test that tickles the brain!) Check out this video to see our student testing in action.



To learn more about <u>StrongSchoolsNC COVID-19 testing</u>, visit <u>www.MAKOstrongschoolsNC.com</u> . Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe and healthy.

Please reach out with me with ANY questions via Remind or email.

Sylvia Wolff and the WEVS teacher team