

COVID-19 SCHOOL TESTING PROGRAM

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians,

Thank you for your support as we progress through the 2021-2022 school year. Wesley Schools continues to take the health and safety of our staff and students very seriously. As result, we are adding an extra layer of protection to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at school. We will now offer a **free COVID-19 Testing Program for students and staff that have been identified as a close contact in school or on the bus**. This testing option will help protect our students, staff, family members, and others who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or are otherwise at risk for getting seriously sick from COVID-19.

We are working closely with the Allegheny County Health Department and are joining other schools throughout the state that offer this program. Each of these tests involve a quick, non-invasive nasal swab that is collected under the supervision of the school nurse or other trained professional. Students under 18 years old, will only be allowed to participate with permission from a parent or guardian.

- **Who will be tested?** Students and staff who have been identified as close contact or exposed in school or on the bus. Symptomatic staff/students cannot be tested and need to follow the current guidelines for symptomatic students/staff.
- **How is the testing done?** The COVID-19 testing is free, quick, and easy. Members of our school staff will oversee testing which includes:
 - Gently swabbing the inner part of the lower nostril. This test is not painful. We do not use the longer swabs that reach higher into the nose.
- **How can I be sure that my child's information will be protected?** Sharing of information about your child will only be done for public health purposes and in accordance with applicable law and policies protecting student privacy and the security of your child's data.

To register your child, please visit <https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent/> and use the below codes when prompted **or sign the included paper consent and return to the school**.

- Wesley High School: **JKH86H**
- Wesley K-8 School: **XKN511**
- Wesley Monroeville Kindergarten: **HSLJL7**

We are extremely grateful to our committed families and staff who continue to show great flexibility and resilience as we work together to contain the spread of this virus. If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 Testing Program, please reach out to your child's school

Sincerely,

Wesley Schools

CDC recommends everyone ages 5 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and free. Getting vaccinated prevents severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines) to find vaccination providers near you.