



Taos Municipal Schools
COVID-19 Voluntary School No Cost Testing Program
School Year 2021-22

Taos Municipal Voluntary Student No Cost COVID-19 Testing Program

Taos Municipal Schools in partnership with the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) and New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) have collaborated to provide voluntary in school COVID-19 testing for all students.

The benefits to providing the in school COVID-19 testing are:

- 1) If your student becomes ill at school with COVID-19 symptoms, a qualified staff member in the nursing department will perform a BinaxNOW rapid antigen test and will have the results by the time you come to pick up your student.
- 2) If your unvaccinated student has been in close contact with an individual at school who is COVID-19 positive, there is a **Modified Quarantine** option (also known as **Test to Stay**). When you are notified that you're student has been a close contact, you will be able to have your student come into the building specific days at the start of the school day (usually day 1, day 3, and day 5) after the exposure to have a BinaxNOW rapid antigen test. If your student follows the 3-test regiment and has negative results each time, they will be able to stay in school and participate in all school activities. Please note that this **Modified Quarantine** is only for school and school activities otherwise the student will need to remain in quarantine for the 10 days as directed by the DOH.
- 3) PED is requiring that all schools in the state of New Mexico conduct surveillance testing on students who are not vaccinated. Every week we will be testing 25% of all students who we do not have COVID 19 vaccination status. We are working with Premier Medical Group (PMG) to complete the surveillance testing at each site one day a week.

ALL COVID-19 TESTING IS VOLUNTARY AND YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CONSENT IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE!

TAOS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS, PED, AND DOH ARE NOT MANDATING YOUR STUDENT TO BE VACCINATED. TAOS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS UNDERSTANDS THIS IS YOUR DECISION.

The two types of tests we will be using are:

- 1) BinaxNOW rapid antigen test, which will be a simple nasal swab at the school and results will be available as soon as 15 minutes after the test collection.
- 2) A PCR test that PMG will collect at each school site by a trained professional from PMG and will provide results in 24 to 36 hours.

Please complete the following information and return to your student's school as soon as is possible.

Taos Municipal Schools is dedicated to keeping our students, staff and community safe from the COVID-19 virus.

Print student name: _____ DOB: _____

School building student attends: _____

Students COVID vaccination status: Yes No

If vaccinated, Date of first vaccine: _____ Date of second vaccine: _____

Consent and Acknowledgement

Completing and signing this form serves as consent for the BinaxNOW (collected and completed by Taos Municipal Schools) and the PCR test (collected and completed by PMG on the school site) to be performed on the named individual at various times as determined necessary by the Taos Municipal School personnel also an acknowledgment of the BinaxNOW and PCR tests on your student throughout the school year. THIS CONSENT MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME.

Except as required by law, test results and testing information will be kept confidential by Taos Municipal Schools and the NM Department of Health. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OR CONDITIONS IN NEW MEXICO 7.4.3.13 NEW MEXICO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. This code may be located at: Notifiable conditions in New Mexico (NMhealth.org)

Print parent/guardian name: _____

Email address for reporting results: _____

Phone number for reporting results: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

BinaxNOW information:

BinaxNOW is an antigen test that detects the presence of the virus that causes a COVID-19 infection. Results from this test are usually available in about fifteen (15) minutes. There is no charge to you for these tests and collecting the specimen for testing involves using a small swab into the front of the nose, not deep in the nose. There are no chemicals on the swab. This test is completely voluntary and will not be administered without signed consent. This test may be administered to your student at various times for various reasons. Both positive and negative results of this test will be reported to the New Mexico Department of Health so that contact tracing and other disease control measures can begin if necessary. You will also be provided with the results of each test administered to your child.

DISTRICT USE:

Received by (name): _____ Date: _____

Student ID #: _____

Entered into Power School: _____ By: _____ Date: _____

PMG registration completed: _____

