

MI Safe Schools Testing Program: School Participation Agreement

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with Michigan's schools, and Michigan's local health departments, is pleased to announce a COVID-19 testing program for interested school districts. Testing to diagnose COVID-19 is part of a comprehensive strategy and should be used in conjunction with promoting behaviors that reduce spread (e.g., mask use, social distancing, hand hygiene); maintaining healthy environments (e.g., cleaning and disinfection, ventilation); managing school operations (e.g., reducing density in classrooms); and preparing for when someone gets sick. Testing is not a requirement for schools to return to in-person learning. However, testing and early detection of cases is one additional tool that may be used to reduce risk associated with in-person instruction.

As the supervisor or other authorized representative of a school participating in this program, I understand and agree to the following:

- We have received support from the following individuals and groups for my school/district to participate in the program: School administration; District administration; School Board; educators and all staff necessary to run the testing program.
- We have received signed consent forms from all participants who will be participating in the weekly testing protocol
- We have at least one person trained to administer antigen tests safely and efficiently, interpret test results, and determine accurate next steps based on test results:
- We have at least one person trained to fulfill reporting requirements:
- We commit to complying with all the requirements of the program, including:
 - Conducting tests of all participants weekly
 - Reporting all test results to MDHHS daily, and any positive test results to the school district and local health department
 - Requiring any staff exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or with a positive test result to stay home and self-isolate
- We have a plan in place to securely retain any records developed for this program, in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws, and provide them to MDHHS upon request at any time
- We have a plan in place to conduct specimen collection (identified location, PPE, waste disposal, participant communication system)
- We have a plan in place to follow up with any participants testing positive, and for outbreak management
- We have on record the following required documents:
 - Roster listing all staff participants, including indication that a signed testing consent form is on file for each
 - A copy of the consent form used (completed consent forms from all participants need not be submitted, but must be kept on file and available for MDHHS or local health department review)

Signature: _____

Date: _____