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Parents / guardians:

Quincy School District has the option to offer Abbott BinaxNOW rapid testing to students who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, with parental consent. The test is for diagnostic purposes only to identify current infection. Students must have a written consent on file prior to testing. Verbal consent will also be obtained as a secondary measure, so please make sure your contact information is current.

Any student at school who is showing symptoms will be eligible to be tested if prior consent has been given. Students staying home with symptoms should be tested at the Adams County Health Department or see their Primary Care Provider. **Please do not send students to school sick.**

If the results of the test are negative and the student is not exhibiting a fever of more than 100.0, vomiting, and/or diarrhea the student (and siblings) may return to class. If the test is positive, the student would need to isolate immediately and continue for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Household members would need to be quarantined according to IDPH guidelines.

This testing is free and completely voluntary. It will not be performed without written consent on file and verbal consent immediately before testing. If you choose not to take this opportunity, the current school policy we have in place will be followed. A child with symptoms would need a physician's note or a negative test result to return to school or stay home for 10 days from symptom onset. Siblings would be sent home (unless vaccinated) until the sick child is cleared.

If your child is quarantined and all were properly masked (not a shield), there will be test to stay option. The student would test at school on days 1, 3, 5, and 7. We would need the consent form signed. Students who are close contacts at lunch where masks can't be worn, will not be able to participate in the test to stay option.

If you give consent to have your child tested, should he/she show symptoms at school, please fill out the consent form and return it to school right away. If you fill out the form now and change your mind at any time, your child will not be tested. You can find the form at qps.org under departments/nursing/forms/Covid Consent. We will also get verbal consent immediately before testing. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

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