



## PARENT LETTER

[ldh.la.gov/SaferSmarterSchools](https://ldh.la.gov/SaferSmarterSchools)

Dear parents,

**This is a gentle reminder that Jefferson Parish Schools is offering rapid, molecular COVID-19 testing on every school campus.** This program is voluntary and completely free to registered JPS students and employees, and includes two components:

- Symptomatic testing for students and staff who show symptoms of COVID-19 at school or work, and
- Routine COVID safety checks, also known as asymptomatic screening, to prevent the spread of the virus undetected among students and staff who are not showing symptoms.

**In lieu of the recent surge of COVID-19 cases in our community, testing is highly encouraged to keep our school community safe.** The test is performed with a quick and gentle nasal swab collected by the school nurse or a trained certified nursing assistant. Results are received within 20 minutes of testing and emailed or text to the participant within 24 hours.

**Registration is required at least 3 – 4hours in advance of testing, in order to allow time for processing.** In order to register, click the link or scan the QR code below to access the electronic registration and consent form. Students *will not* be tested without a completed, electronic registration and consent from a parent or guardian. Therefore, it is best to complete the registration now, even if your child does not feel sick, in order to avoid a delay in testing eligibility if your child should need it in the future. You only need to register once, so if you have registered already, you do not need to register again. Testing is completely free and includes an optional incentive for every test you take.

<https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=ldh-emm-570-students>

**Please remember that the current LDH and JPS COVID guidelines will be enforced if you exhibit symptoms, were exposed to a COVID positive individual, or test positive.** If you have any questions or concerns, please visit the website <https://ldh.la.gov/safer-smarter-schools>.

Thank you in advance for your participation and your commitment to keeping our school community safe and healthy.

