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Dear Twinsburg Schools Family:

Today, I reporting the following COVID-positive cases to Summit County Public Health officials:

- One (1) On-Campus 10th grade student; and
- Two (2) On-Campus 12th grade student

As you know, our District continues to do all that we can to ensure that our students and staff members are provided a healthy and safe school/work environment. In February and March, our staff members had the opportunity to be vaccinated for COVID-19 and just this week, we learned that students who are 16 – 18 years of age will soon have the same opportunity right here on our campus. Details are still being determined by the Ohio Department of Health and by the Summit County Public Health Department, however, I have been in contact with both agencies and assured them of our interest and cooperation. Of course, every family has their own particular set of circumstances and some parents may wish to opt-out of this opportunity for their son/daughter.

If you happened to tune into last night's Board of Education Meeting, you heard me introduce the next preventative measure that our District will embrace: Abbott BinaxNOW Ag Home Tests. The Ohio Department of Health secured the purchase of approximately two (2) million tests that can be administered outside of a clinical setting. It is the Governor's goal to make these tests available and accessible in Ohio schools. Our District's initial appropriation of these COVID-19 Home Test Kits is 1200.

The BinaxNOW COVID-19 AG Card is a rapid antigen test and both the Food & Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have provided guidance on the use of antigen tests as well as the interpretation of results.

Our school district is required to designate one or more individuals to keep track of the number of tests distributed and to report that information to the state on a weekly basis. The point person for the Twinsburg City School District is District Nurse Jennifer Pinkney.

The test kits are available to our school community. In the event that a family member is exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, parents/staff members may contact Nurse Pinkney at 330.486.2499, extension 2678 to make arrangements to pick up a test kit at one of the school's main clinics or at the Twinsburg Board of Education Office. We will not release the test kits to the students and it will be a requirement for the parent or staff member to speak directly with Nurse Pinkney before the test kit can be picked up. The District is unable to administer the test as we are not CLIA certified, thus these test kits are meant for home use. It is important to note that a positive test result is a positive result while a negative test result may be a false negative result. Therefore individuals who test negative should still seek a PCR test administered by their healthcare provider and/or remain in isolation for ten (10) days unless cleared by their healthcare provider.



The PCR test (Polymerase Chain Reaction) is far more sensitive and reliable. Test results are automatically reported to the Department of Health.

Parents/staff members will need to establish a NAVICA account which is an app that can be downloaded on a mobile device where an account can be created prior to taking the home test. More information about the NAVICA app is available here: <https://www.abbott.com/corpnewsroom/diagnostics-testing/abbotts-new-NAVICA-app-what-you-need-to-know.html>

Using the Test Kits:

- BinaxNOW AG Card Home Test product information can be found on Abbott's information page (www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/product-details/binaxnow-covid-19-home-test-us.html). It is a self-administered at-home test, with assistance from an eMed certified guide (ohio.emed.com), so it is best deployed in non-clinical settings.
- Prior to initiating a testing session, an adult should download the NAVICA app on a mobile device and create an account.
 - o If the test is being used on a child, a parent should create an account and then create a Managed Profile (from the "Account and Settings" portion of the app) for each child being tested.
- Individuals being tested will then go to ohio.emed.com and select "Start Testing" to initiate the testing process.
 - o Next, the user clicks the "Login With NAVICA" button and uses their NAVICA account credentials created above to proceed.
 - o There will be a series of questions to prepare for the visit with the eMed proctor. Once the user answers these questions and clicks "Continue," the testing session with the eMed proctor will begin.
- After completing the test, the eMed proctor will report results to the Ohio Department of Health, and the user can utilize the NAVICA app to see their test results using the NAVICA Pass.

Helpful Hints for Test Takers:

- o The eMed proctor is not a healthcare provider but is qualified to administer the test and read the results.
- o The BinaxNOW test is authorized for individuals age four and older, but a child under 15 must have an adult perform the swabbing.
- o Ensure that you have plenty of space in front of you to use the test kit. The test card must lay flat on a hard surface.
- o The eMed proctor will ask you to adjust your webcam at various times during the testing. The proctor will need to view the test kit on the surface in front of you at certain times and will need to view you (the patient) at other times. For the test to be validated, follow all of the proctor's instructions. For example, the proctor must be able to view the test card during the 15 minutes the test runs or it will be invalidated.
- o You will need to scan the QR code on the test card with your webcam at two separate times. Make sure you hold the QR code up to the webcam when instructed. Keep the QR code in the center of the camera and hold it as still as possible.

Additional information about the BinaxNOW Ag Home Tests is attached to this Blackboard Connect email.

Our District is pleased to be able to offer this next layer of support to our school family. Please contact Nurse Pinkney at 330.486.2499, extension 2678 or me at 330.486.2002 if you have questions.

Have a great evening,
Kathi Powers
Superintendent

