

September 24, 2021

Dear Moriah Central School Families,

The District continues to gear up to offer a school-based testing plan for the 2021-2022 school year. To begin our testing program for students we will need your consent prior to testing. This letter provides directions for you to consent to COVID-19 testing for your student(s). Please complete the numbered steps below for each test type that you would like your child/children to participate in.

If you need help with any of these steps or have questions pertaining to the testing program please call Rosemary Toomey, our school testing contact at 518-546-3301, ext. 426. Our anticipated start date for our testing program will be the week of October 4th.

Weekly Screening Test/Unvaccinated Staff and Students Only at This Time

The Clarifi COVID-19 test is the most sensitive saliva test available at this time. Over 2 million of these tests have been used in colleges and K-12 schools in New York State. The test is a very simple and painless saliva swab that the student can easily self-administer. This [short video](https://vimeo.com/586954444/1f4e67b112) shows how the test works (<https://vimeo.com/586954444/1f4e67b112>).

The Screening Test Procedure

Testing will take place weekly at Moriah Central School beginning the week of October 4, 2021.

To participate in the testing program, **you must complete** the following steps:

1. Register a new account at: app.Clarifi-COVID-19.com. A User Guide is available on this site.
2. Create a profile for each minor student in your care. (Note: You can register multiple student profiles under one account).
3. Do not attempt to *Register a COVID-19 Test*. This step will be done by the testing team on the day of your student's test.

Once all samples have been collected for the day, they will be sent to Quadrant's lab to be tested. Results will be ready within 24-48 hours and can be viewed by logging back into app.Clarifi-COVID-19.com.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet is attached.

Symptomatic Test for Sick Students/Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Students

The Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 Test is a very easy nasal swab and results are available in 15 minutes. This test can be used by our school health office staff to rule out COVID-19 if your student becomes sick during the school day.

A negative test result does not necessarily mean your child will return to class, your building nurse will make that determination if your child needs to go home at that time. Your building nurse may still require your child to be seen by their healthcare provider. A follow-up COVID-19 test might be recommended as well depending on the severity of the symptoms at the time of the initial visit.

For your student(s) to participate in symptomatic testing, **you must:**

1. Complete the consent form at: <https://www.co.essex.ny.us/Health/school-based-covid-testing-registration-consent/>
2. Check the Symptomatic Testing option.

Exposure-Based Screening Testing for High-Risk School Activities/Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Students

The Abbott Binax Now is also a very easy nasal swab and results are available in 15 minutes. This screening test option is for vaccinated and unvaccinated students who were exposed to a positive case during high-risk school-based activities. These activities can include close contact or indoor sports, band, choir, theater and indoor school clubs.

For your student(s) to participate in exposure testing, **you must:**

1. Complete the consent form at <https://www.co.essex.ny.us/Health/school-based-covid-testing-registration-consent/>
2. Check the Exposure-Based Screening Testing option.

We hope you will consider having your child participate in this important testing program at Moriah Central School. The health and safety of our students, staff and community is our highest priority and we greatly appreciate your support during these challenging times. Thank you!

Sincerely,

William J. Larrow
Superintendent of Schools
Moriah Central School District