



QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Where Our Future Begins

QACPS Families,

The school nurses are currently testing students that may begin to feel ill during the school day with COVID-19 symptoms and we have parent consent. They are using the BinaxNow rapid antigen test provided by MDH. **Please don't send sick students to school so they can be tested.** If your children are sick and experiencing symptoms such as a fever, sore throat, a cough, headaches, vomiting or diarrhea please keep them at home and call their doctor for testing and evaluation.

The MAKO Medical testing team is using their own MAKO PCR tests. Testing with them is available at both Kent Island High School and Queen Anne's County High schools on Tuesdays and Thursdays and results are typically received in 24-48 hours. This MAKO team can test any student of QACPS that has been identified as a close contact, is symptomatic, and our student athletes to meet the Bayside Conference's requirements. **This testing is limited to QACPS students and staff.** Their schedules are listed on each school website and the Board of Education's website.

With the holidays approaching, families will be spending quality time together with extended relatives and friends. If you or your children are exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 or are diagnosed with COVID-19 during this time, please report it to the COVID Alert email: covidalert@gacps.org. That link is also on the BOE website. A nurse is checking that email every evening and on weekends. They can answer any questions you may have about what to do next and quarantine requirements.

Our goal is to keep students and staff in school and to keep them safe and healthy. Thank you for your continued support. Please see close contact guidance on the back of this letter.

Respectfully,

QACPS Office of Public Information

What happens if my child is deemed a close contact to a positive COVID-19 person while at school?

- A quarantine time of 14 days remains the safest option for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated. Shortened quarantine times of 7 or 10 days may be acceptable if MDH and MSDE guidelines are followed.
- As per the K-12 exception, if both the infected student and exposed student were correctly and consistently wearing masks the entire time, and spaced **more than 3' apart**, then the exposed student will not have to quarantine provided they are symptom free.
- If the close contact was unmasked and unvaccinated and closer than 3' from a covid positive person, for 15 minutes over a 24 hour period, they must quarantine regardless of symptoms or vaccination status.
- If the exposed student is fully vaccinated, the student will not have to quarantine provided they are symptom free.
- If a student athlete is required to quarantine and uses the shortened 7 or 10 day option; the student will be required to wear a mask upon return through day 14, even for outdoor sports/activities.

If you would like to provide consent for your child to be tested should it be deemed necessary, please click on the link for your child's school below and complete the one minute questionnaire.

SUDLERSVILLE MIDDLE	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/857bf703-d2b0-4f24-b845-054b2a73df36
SUDLERSVILLE ELEMENTARY	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/3291e4b1-4bdf-471c-96a6-668c3195e106
CHURCH HILL ELEMENTARY	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/31c2f689-25b2-4847-9f74-d8a27dc4d7af
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY HIGH	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/4fa7e2f2-c069-4e5e-b2ef-37da516adaae
KENNARD ELEMENTARY	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/dd31f453-d036-426f-887d-ebac576febaf
CENTREVILLE MIDDLE	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/b32a8fea-dfa5-4731-bd11-11e5f4df036a
CENTREVILLE ELEMENTARY	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/58377da6-bbbc-440a-8df5-c5bcd24b14b0
KENT ISLAND ELEMENTARY	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/da85de50-2a84-47d9-abc6-cabfd523ba72
BAYSIDE ELEMENTARY	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/82601d92-9505-4337-bb9f-2f07bffa1ec6
STEVENSVILLE MIDDLE	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/d7ca5527-f347-49bd-8944-e930f687e6aa
KENT ISLAND HIGH	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/6ea56d56-ba9f-4734-83ab-122b4686102e
MATAPEAKE ELEMENTARY	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/c6609c7e-84c1-46f9-a38c-0256e5208fab
MATAPEAKE MIDDLE	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/1eeaca99-ae8c-4d3e-99b1-8624440036b6e
GRASONVILLE ELEMENTARY	https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/ab187063-dc89-483d-a208-8285407fc49d