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REVISED LETTER with Corrected Access Code

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians,

Greetings! I hope this letter finds you and your family well! The Susquehanna Community School District is committed to taking the steps necessary to help ensure a safe learning environment. As part of the steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep our school open for in-person learning, we will offer a **free** and completely **voluntary** symptomatic COVID-19 Testing Program for students and staff. The testing will be conducted by school district nurses in conjunction with **Concentric by Ginkgo**, the vendor contracted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to run the program. This testing program will help protect our students and staff who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or who are otherwise at risk for getting seriously ill from COVID-19.

Through this program, we will be able to identify COVID-19 cases quickly and early, which can help us stop an outbreak before it happens. This will help us keep students in the classroom and able to take part in the school activities they love. The program will allow for the use of a Rapid Antigen Test to assess whether a SYMPTOMATIC student or employee has COVID-19 or to determine if an ASYMPTOMATIC student or employee, who has been identified as a Close Contact, can return to school after Day #7 of isolation/quarantine.

Please understand that this testing program is designed to test students and staff if they become ill at school and exhibit COVID-19 symptoms. Please do not send your child to school if he/she presents symptoms of COVID-19 as it would risk the health and safety of others. If your child is ill and symptomatic, your first action must be to contact your child's medical provider. If documentation is received by the school from your medical provider recommending a COVID-19 test, do not send your child to school, but rather, contact the school nurse to determine if the school district can schedule a COVID-19 test for your child, which will require you to bring your child to the school parking area for the test.

If your child was identified by the school or PA Department of Health as a close contact to a person infected with COVID-19 and chooses to have a COVID test completed on/after the 5th

day of their isolation/quarantine, antibody and home tests are not permitted. Rapid antigen tests are permitted and through this program, the school district may be able to provide your child with a rapid antigen test.

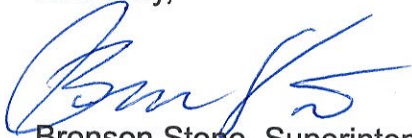
Frequently Asked Questions:

- Who will be tested? We will offer testing to all students and staff—if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 while in school or are currently close contacts and have been in isolation/quarantine for at least five days after exposure.
- How is the testing done? The COVID-19 testing is free, quick, and easy. School nurses will conduct testing with a rapid antigen test, which includes the gentle swabbing of the inner part of the lower nostril.
- Where and when is the testing done? Tests will be administered in each school's nurse's office and if necessary, in the parking areas in front of each school.
- How can I be sure that my child's information will be protected? Sharing of information about your child will only be done for public health purposes and in accordance with applicable law and policies protecting student privacy and the security of your child's data.
- If I want my child to participate in this program, how do I enroll my child?
 - First, go to <https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent>
 - Then, enter this access code:
 - **Elementary School - 0NZ8P9 (first digit is a zero)**
 - Jr/Sr High School - AJKWDL
 - Finally, enter your child's information, and you're done!

Note: If you need to provide consent for more than one child, please complete the process once for each child. If your child is 18 or older, the registration must be completed by using a form that will be sent home with your child. If your child is 18 or older, the registration CANNOT be completed online.

We are extremely grateful to our committed families and staff who continue to show great flexibility and resilience as we work together to contain the spread of this virus. If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 Testing Program, please reach out to your child's school.

Sincerely,



Bronson Stone, Superintendent of Schools