

# The Montessori School of Camden

MSC takes the health and safety of our students and their families very seriously. As such, in addition to steps to screen for the virus and prevent its spread on a campus, we are adding a voluntary COVID-19 testing program for students. This program uses Abbott Laboratories BinaxNOW tests provided by the federal government. We will only test with your consent. If you are willing to provide consent for us to administer this test on your child or yourself, please fill out the consent form.

## **What is the test?**

If your child is symptomatic, with your consent your child will receive a free BinaxNOW rapid test for the COVID-19 virus. Collecting a specimen for testing involves using a swab, like a Q-Tip, placed inside the tip of the nose. The School Nurse, or a staff member who has been trained to use this test, will collect the specimen. Test results will be made available to the parent/guardian who signs the consent form. This program is **entirely optional** for students, although we hope you choose to have the test to keep our schools as healthy & safe as possible.

## **What should I do when I receive my child's test results?**

If your child tests positive for the virus, your child will be moved to a room away from other students and staff until you can pick him/her up. Your child must remain home until the infection period has ended (typically, after symptoms improve and at least 10 days from the date symptoms first appear) and your child is no longer contagious. In a small number of cases, tests sometimes produce incorrect results, showing negative results (called "false negatives") in people who have COVID-19 or showing positive results (called "false positives") in people who don't have COVID-19. If your child tests negative but has symptoms of COVID-19 you should call your child's doctor, a licensed medical authority, or your local health department to obtain a PCR Test.

## **Known Symptoms:**

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 °F
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

This list does not include all possible symptoms.

## **Disclaimer:**

While we realize precautions will be taken for the safety of students, please understand that neither the test administrator nor MSC, nor any of its trustees, officers, or employees are liable for any accident or injuries that may occur to your child as a result of agreeing to the test.