

# Lockport City School District

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Dear In-Person Staff Member,

While the Lockport City School District (LCSD) is not situated in a yellow, orange, or red zone at this time, the purpose of this message is to inform you of a testing plan if LCSD is designated within a yellow, orange or red zone in the future.

If the Lockport City School District is situated in a designated yellow, orange, or red zone according to Governor Cuomo's micro-cluster initiative, the District must randomly test in-person students and staff in order to maintain the in-person hybrid instructional model. Testing for staff in the full remote instructional model is not required.

The District's infection rate as determined through testing must remain under the infection rate of the community at large in order to continue to offer in-person hybrid instruction.

Although the District cannot mandate staff and students participate in testing, if the District is unable to obtain the required percentage of testing consent from the in-person population, a shift to a full remote instructional model for all staff and students will likely occur.

The District has applied to become a Limited Service Laboratory (LSL). This would provide authorization for the District to perform COVID-19 testing under the direction of School Physician Dr. William Baier. The BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card test, which would be provided by the Niagara County Department of Health (NCDOH), is a rapid test that provides results in about 15 minutes. The test is a short swab test and using gentle rotation, a Q-tip like swab is inserted less than one inch into each nostril. It is a much less invasive than other commonly used tests. The sample will be collected by trained health care personnel.

As the District plans for future potential testing, it is requesting that in-person staff members complete and return the informed consent testing form to Lisa Schrader by Tuesday, December 22, 2020. As an option, the form may also be completed and returned to the District using a link located on the District website at [www.lockportschools.org](http://www.lockportschools.org) in 'Important Messages' or by clicking on the red circle with the exclamation point at the bottom right of the District website home page.

Testing would be conducted through scheduled appointments. In-person staff members would be notified of being randomly selected prior to scheduling an appointment. Additional details of the testing procedures will be further explained if the District is required to conduct testing. All test results will be reported in the New York State Health Commerce System.

Please remember to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, wear a face covering, and monitor your health regularly. Thank you for cooperation and support as we continue to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Michelle T. Bradley  
Superintendent of Schools

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Attachment

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We believe: All people can learn. Schools create conditions for success: academically, socially, emotionally, physically and aesthetically.  
Teaching and learning are the shared responsibility of home, school and community.  
Our mission is to assure comprehensive learning for all so that each person will be a lifelong learner.