

ORANGE ZONE COVID-19 TESTING

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Ken-Ton School District COVID-19 Testing Program



- **Purpose:**

- To meet the state's 20% random testing requirement to resume in-person attendance in an Orange Zone

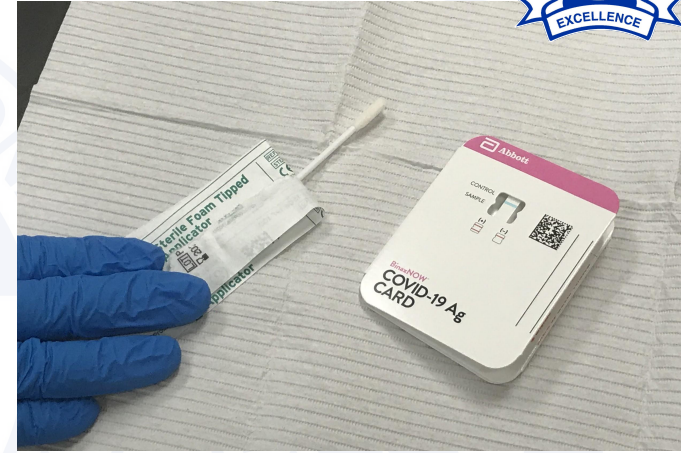
- **Testing Specifics:**

- It isn't a way to test **symptomatic** individuals (***symptomatic individuals should never be on school grounds***)
- It isn't a way to determine whether those directed to quarantine or isolate can return to school (all students/staff must follow all ECDOH guidelines/directives)
- It isn't an alternative to county/state testing (we are not a testing provider)

Test: Abbott BinexNOW Nasal Rapid Test



- For all testing, the district will use the **Abbott BinexNOW nasal rapid test**
- This is a very quick, gentle, simple testing method that is not nearly as invasive as other tests
- The test consists of a swab (very similar to a Q-tip) which circles the inside of the very lowest part of the nose
- Nurses will ensure that all quality control measures are followed



Test: Abbott BinexNOW Nasal Rapid Test



Testing Operation: Elementary (Wednesdays)



- **Numbers:**

- The minimum required number of tests (20%/month) ranges from **11 to 23 tests per week**, depending on the school
- If there are 9 or more positive test results during a 1-month span (or 3% or higher for a 300+ sample size), the school will need to transition to fully remote learning
- No students or staff will be tested more than **once per month**

- **Consent:**

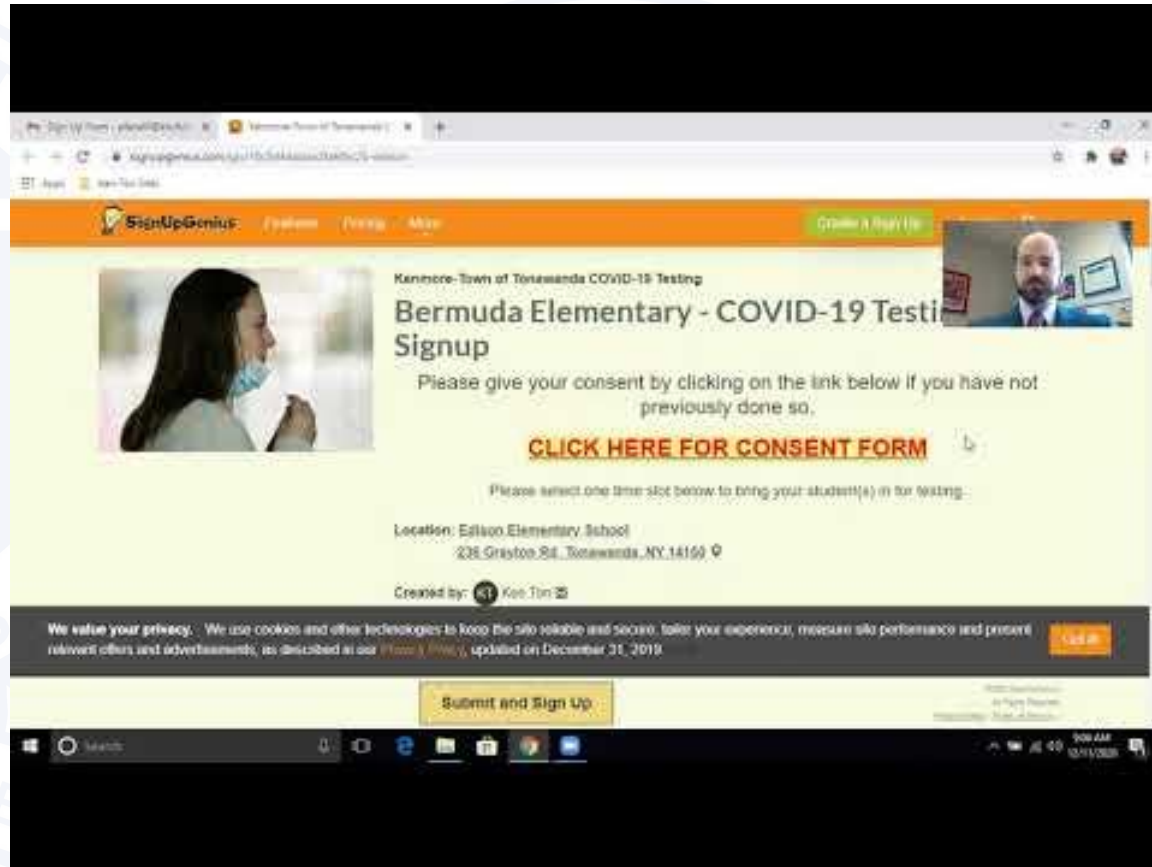
- Complete the electronic consent form (access it at ktufsd.org/consent if you haven't done so already)
- You may change your consent at any time by submitting a new form (only your most recent submission will be considered for each child)
- We need as many families to consent as possible, because the greater the number of students/staff participating in testing, the less frequently individual students/staff would need to be tested
- **Parent/guardians will accompany their children for testing (elementary Gr. K-4 only)**

Testing Operation: Elementary (Wednesdays)



- **Sign-Up Process:**

- Testing will take place on Wednesdays at the child's school beginning December 16
- Elementary school parents/guardians will receive a link (via text message and email) to sign up for a time slot at their child's school
- The sign-up form (through Sign Up GeniusTM) will include available time slots for the 4 Wednesdays in the testing period (usually 9AM-12PM/1PM-3PM)
- Parents/guardians can only select **one** time slot per month (students can only be tested **once per month**)
- If you have more than 1 child, you can bring them as well



Testing Operation: Elementary (Wednesdays)



- **Procedures:**

- Arrive at your scheduled time and report to Door #1
- Be prepared to show your driver's license for the Single Point of Entry Raptor system
- You will be directed to the Nurse's Office
- The nurse will confirm your identity and confirm that we have your consent on file (please be sure you have completed the consent form at ktufsd.org/consent)
- The nurse will conduct the test
- You will be able to leave immediately after the test is completed

Testing Operation: Elementary (Wednesdays)



- Test result will be available 15 minutes following the test
- If Test Result is **Negative**, you will not be contacted
- If Test Result is **Positive**, you will be contacted immediately
- All tests are safely and securely disposed of
- **Data Reporting:**
 - The test results and additional required data for students/staff will be uploaded to the NYS Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System (ECLRS) through the NYS Department of Health
 - This will be done manually right away for those who test positive
 - This will be done through a data import at the end of the day for those who test negative

Testing Operation: Secondary (In School)



- **Numbers:**

- Minimum number of required tests ranges from **6 to 13 per day** (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) depending on school (students would only be tested once per month)

- **Consent:**

- Complete the electronic consent form at ktufsd.org/consent if you haven't done so already (you may change your consent at any time by submitting a new form)

- **Procedures:**

- Students will be selected for testing using the Random Sample function in Microsoft Excel
- Student will be called to the nurse's office, the nurse will conduct the test (if the student is comfortable and willing), and the student will remain until the test result is available 15 minutes later
- If Test Result is **Negative**, the student will return to class and come home with a hard-copy notification that he/she was tested and did not test positive
- If Test Result is **Positive**, the family will be notified right away and the child will be sent home

More information on secondary testing will be communicated (testing begins Jan. 4, 2020)

Testing Operation: Staff (In School)



- **Numbers:**
 - Minimum number of required tests (20%/month) ranges from **1 to 3 tests per day** (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) depending on the school
- **Consent:**
 - Staff participation is **optional** (staff can indicate that they are willing to participate using the Google Form that was sent via email)
- **Procedures:**
 - Staff will be selected for testing using the Random Sample function in Microsoft Excel
 - If selected, staff will be contacted and asked to schedule a time to be tested in the nurse's office
 - Staff will complete a short Google Form to provide the data required for ECLRS reporting
 - Staff will arrive at the nurse's office at his/her scheduled time, the nurse will conduct the test, and he/she will remain until the test result is available 15 minutes later
 - If Test Result is **Negative**, staff can return to their normal duties
 - If Test Result is **Positive**, staff will be sent home

More information will be sent via email to those participating (testing begins the week of Dec. 14)

Frequently Asked Questions



- **How do I add/change/withdraw consent?**
 - Complete the electronic consent form at ktufsd.org/consent (only your most recent submission will be considered for each child)
- **Can parents bring siblings?**
 - Yes. A parent/guardian may bring siblings to be tested.
- **Can I be tested if I am symptomatic, or in order to return from a quarantine/isolation?**
 - No. ***Symptomatic individuals should never be on school grounds.*** Testing is 100% random. The District is not a medical provider or clinic providing testing to anyone who is symptomatic for the purposes of diagnosis. Staff and students who are symptomatic are to be referred to their healthcare provider or ECDOH testing site for diagnostic testing.

Frequently Asked Questions



- **How often will students/staff be tested?**
 - Students/staff cannot be tested more than once per month.
- **If I do not consent to testing, can my student still attend school?**
 - Yes. Testing is not required for in-person attendance.
- **Will Universal Pre-K students be tested?**
 - Because testing is school-based, UPK students at Holmes and Franklin Elementary may be tested. UPK students at Kenmore Middle School will not participate in testing.
- **Will testing numbers be reported to the community?**
 - Yes. Each week, the total number of tests and positive/negative results will be included in the Ken-Ton Weekly Connection. Please note that only the counts will be reported (no personally identifiable information will be shared).