

Dear Parents and Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that COVID-19 testing will begin at our school in the next few weeks.

We must all do our part to prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in our schools. This includes participating in school-provided COVID-19 testing to identify cases where the student or staff member may not be showing symptoms. MCPS families were notified about this new effort in February and March. Tests will be provided for all students and staff on a weekly basis. Each swab will be placed in a common tube for that classroom or group and sent off to a central testing laboratory. The test detects whether the virus that causes COVID-19 is present in that pooled sample. Schools will receive results within 2-3 days. If you would like to participate in weekly pool testing, please complete the [COVID-19 Pool Testing Survey](#) by Wednesday, April 28. If you do not complete the consent form, your child will not be able to participate in testing.

Additional information is available:

- [MCPS Pool Testing](#) website
- [MCPS Covid Pool Testing Video](#)

Should you have any questions or need more information, please contact Ms. Linda Johnson at [linda\\_k\\_johnson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:linda_k_johnson@mcpsmd.org)

Thank you,

Hoover Admin