



Lone Oak ISD Plan for Voluntary COVID-19 Rapid Testing of LOISD Staff

Goal of Testing: With guidance from the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM), Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Education Agency (TEA), and NETHealth; LOISD will be implementing BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 testing. Rapid antigen based testing will potentially give LOISD the ability to quickly identify and isolate positive staff before they can transmit the virus to others. In turn, this will help reduce the amount of absences for individuals waiting on test results and help to fast track treatment and quarantine for positive staff members and their close contacts.

Participation in BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 testing is voluntary for our staff.

Testing Program Coordinator (Point of Contact): Laurie Danel, RN

COVID-19 testing:

Rapid COVID-19 testing will be done for symptomatic staff.

Protocol: Voluntary Symptomatic Staff Members

LOISD will offer voluntary testing for **symptomatic** or **directly exposed** staff members. No one will be required to take a test. They may voluntarily receive the rapid antigen BinaxNOW COVID-19 test after scheduling with our district Nurse Laurie Daniel. In the future, testing will be conducted on each campus for staff. The symptoms must be consistent with the current guidelines from the CDC. Symptoms are listed below.

Sick at Home or School: If a staff member is sick at home and they want a test, they must:

- 1. First contact their administrator or school secretary to get testing approval.**
- 2. If the administrator or school secretary recommends scheduling a rapid test, email:**

Laurie Daniel at: ldaniel@loisd.net

- 3. She will respond back with a delegated time to get tested. DO NOT GO TO WORK WHILE YOU ARE WAITING TO BE TESTED. YOU NEED TO TREAT IT AS A NORMAL ABSENCE. IF YOU ARE SYMPTOMATIC YOU WILL STILL BE ASKED TO VISIT YOUR DOCTOR.**
- 4. Call the campus when you arrive so they can take proper precautions. You must bring your driver's license and wear your mask.**
- 5. NO PERSONAL TESTING REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED AT THIS TIME. AN ADMINISTRATOR MUST APPROVE A REQUEST FOR TESTING TO ENSURE VALIDITY OF THE PROCESS. All test results will be submitted to NETHealth, DSHS and TDEM as required.**