



INGRAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Inspiring Student Success from the Inside Out

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Dear Ingram ISD Parents,

Ingram ISD is committed to doing all we can to keep staff and students healthy and safe. With this goal in mind, we are pleased to share that we will be taking part in a statewide program offering rapid tests for use in schools. This program will allow Ingram ISD to test both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals—including staff and students-- and reduce the risk to our school community. This email offers further information on the tests and the testing program.

What COVID-19 tests are used in this program?

This program uses [BinaxNOW tests](#), which provide results in 15 minutes and are administered using a nasal swab in the front area of the nostril. These tests have been shown to be highly accurate, with accuracy rates of 97-98% for symptomatic individuals.

Who will be tested and when?

Ingram ISD will be offering testing for the following individuals:

- Symptomatic staff members and students.
- Asymptomatic and exposure to COVID staff members and students.
 - Students who are close contacts *and asymptomatic*, but would like to return to school prior to the end of the 10 day window, can make an appointment to be tested *at least 5 days after the last close contact*. Negative results will allow the student to return to school in 7 days from the last day of close contact.

All students must have parent/guardian permission before testing can be performed.

Students and staff will be offered testing in a designated area in our nursing clinics on an as needed basis. These tests are optional, but we encourage all staff and students who meet testing criteria to participate in the testing program.

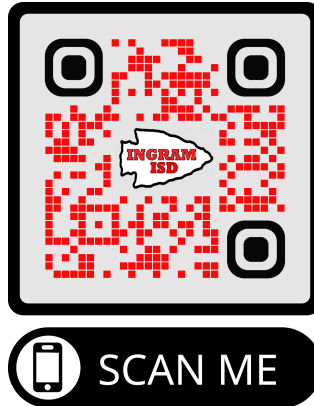
How will the information from the tests be used?

If a parent has given permission for Ingram ISD to administer the BinaxNOW test for their child, your child's school will call you to let you know that your student is experiencing symptoms and that they will be administering a BinaxNOW test. The test administrator will also call to share the results after the test has been administered. Additionally, the student's parent or guardian will receive test results via text and will also receive a confirmation email within 2 hours.

The results will also be shared with the school/Ingram ISD and with the local health department to allow for public health reporting and contact tracing and to determine the stay-at-home period for individuals who test positive. Additionally, the total number of positive tests per school will also be shared with the Texas Department of State Health Services as is required by law.

What steps are required to participate in the program?

Tests are available to all students who are showing symptoms of COVID-19. To participate, parents must complete the permission form. You can find the link for the permission form on our website, at this link <https://forms.gle/SE3hCS3Ryj5WBgHv8>, or by scanning the QR code below.



The testing program begins immediately and testing is available as soon as needed.

If your child is experiencing symptoms and you would like for him/ her to be tested, please do NOT send him/her to campus. Instead, please call your child’s campus nurse to arrange a time for your child to be tested.