

January 1, 2022

Dear North Collins Families:

Happy New Year! As you may be aware, on Tuesday, December 28th, 2021, Governor Hochul and Health Commissioner Bassett held a virtual meeting with NYS school leaders and announced that New York State will be providing free COVID antigen tests for school districts to make available to our families for school age children. This initiative is not mandatory or required. It is simply another risk mitigation strategy that is available if desired.

The Governor has called for school districts to be responsible for distributing COVID test kits to families. To accomplish this goal, New York State sent COVID test kits to all NYS school districts. On Saturday, January 1st, we will receive our allotment of test kits for every student in the North Collins School District.

It is important that you know:

- You are not required to pick up, or accept, one of these tests
- You are not required to use the test if you pick one up
- The only requirement is that if you test your child and the test result is positive, please have your child stay at home and contact your child's doctor and school nurse.

Our current plan for distribution is:

- The initial distribution will occur at North Collins Jr-Sr High School (Gymnasium Entrance) on Sunday morning from 9:00–11:00.
- Each family will have access to one test per school-aged child.
- Please bring identification to verify that you are the parent/person in parental relation of a child who attends our schools

*If you are not able to access our Sunday distribution, and want a test sent home with each of your school-aged children on Monday, please use the brief consent form below to submit to the main office of your child's school.

We greatly appreciate your collaboration and support in keeping our students, staff, and community safe.

Thank you and have a wonderful and safe New Year!

Sincerely,

Scott Taylor
Superintendent of Schools

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Please provide my child, _____, with a NYS provided COVID test kit on Monday, January 3rd, 2022. I understand that it's my responsibility to read the specific instructions included with the testing kits and that it will be my responsibility to safely administer the test to my child and to report any positive COVID test results to the Department of Health and school district.

Parent/Guardian Name