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Good afternoon,

This week the COVID Task Force met, and we have a change we wish to share with you. In our quest to keep students in school and support families in navigating this COVID pandemic, we will begin to accept COVID home test kit results starting today. We recognize getting to the doctor and awaiting results can frequently lead to unnecessary missed class time. We wish to minimize this lost class time and continue to keep staff and students safe.

Below I have included some details and video tutorials on home test kit usage:

- CDC recommends people get tested 5-7 days after close contact with a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- A person performs Self-tests at home or anywhere.
- All instructions for performing the test must be followed.
- Self-tests can be used by anyone who is symptomatic regardless of their vaccination status.
- [If an individual tests positive](#), they should isolate and inform the school nurse and any close contacts.
- The test needs to be FDA-approved.
- The student's first and last name needs to be on the card.
- The date and time of the swab need to be indicated on the test card.
- The date and time the test was read needs to be indicated as well (to make sure it was read at the correct time per the directions on the box after the student was swabbed).
- We will need a picture of the test card for the student's file. Please send picture to the school nurse.

[How To Use a Self-Test](#)

[How To Interpret Self-Test Results](#)

Lastly, I want to make you aware of four new COVID testing sites in New Hampshire. At this time, the total number of students infected by COVID this school year is more than double the number of the entire last school year. Please see the DHHS slide for more information.

ClearChoiceMD Testing Locations:

Manchester - Hunt Memorial Pool, 303 Beach Street
Claremont - River Valley Community College, 1 College Place
Newington - Fox Run Mall, 50 Fox Run Rd
Nashua - St. Joseph Hospital Parking Lot, 261 Lake Street

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- Open seven days a week
- No appointment required
- No cost to the patient
- Drive up, and pedestrian traffic accommodate
- ClearChoiceMD Call Center: (603) 457-7792
- More details here: <https://ccmdcenters.com/state-of-nh-covid-19-testing>

It is our hope this information will help families and minimize lost student time going forward. Thank you to the COVID Task Force for their continued commitment to the Epping community! We got this!

Have a great day!
Bill Furbush
Superintendent of Epping Schools

K-12 School Clusters/Outbreaks in NH

School Year	Total # Clusters	Total # of Infections Associated with Clusters	Total # of <u>Students</u> Associated with Clusters (%)	Total # of <u>Staff</u> Associated with Clusters (%)	Average # of Infections per Cluster
2020-2021 (Entire School Year)	110	693	464 (67%)	229 (33%)	6.3
2021-2022 (As of Oct 6th)	97	737	669 (91%)	68 (9%)	7.6
2021-2022 (As of Oct 20th)	141	1,400	1,234 (88%)	166 (12%)	9.9



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