

Dear Families,

We wanted to send information regarding voluntary COVID-19 testing at ISL. Below please find the FAQ as well as the consent form.

What is a BinaxNOW COVID-19 Test?

The BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card is a type of test called an antigen test. Antigen tests are designed to detect proteins from the virus that causes COVID-19 in respiratory specimens, for example nasal swabs.

Who is eligible for testing? International School of Louisiana has been issued BinaxNOW tests for use with our *symptomatic* students and staff who provide consent.

Who needs to fill out the consent form?

Parents/guardians who would like the option of testing at school should fill out the consent form.

If consent is on-file will I be contacted prior to the test being run?

Yes, parents/guardians will be notified prior to testing each time a test is performed.

If your child is exhibiting symptoms, they are eligible to be tested. Our first step is to call the student's parent/guardian (as stated in the school's database) to get authorization to test at school. However, a consent form must be on file in order for us to proceed with the test. ISL will continue to stay in communication with families each time a test is required.

When will my student be tested?

Only symptomatic or exposed students will be tested at this time.

What does it mean if my student receives a positive test result?

If your student has a positive test result, it is very likely that they have COVID-19. Therefore, it is also likely that they may be placed in isolation to avoid spreading the virus to others. There is a very small chance that this test can give a positive result that is wrong (a false-positive result).

What does it mean if my student receives a negative test result?

The BinaxNOW antigen test can only be used to confirm a positive result at this time. If your student receives a negative result we will continue to work with families to schedule a PCR test through Children's Hospital New Orleans.

Where can I find the consent forms?

Both the consent forms are attached to this email, but also can be found on the COVID-19 section of our website by [clicking here](#).

As always, if you have any questions in regards to how testing will be rolled out on-site at ISL, what our COVID-19 policies are, or how to report COVID-19 exposure please reach out directly to your school nurse.

