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Dear Tri-County Parents, Students and Staff:

DESE and the Department of Public Health (DPH) have created an option where Tri-County officials, in consultation with our local public health authorities, will be able to request a state-sponsored mobile rapid response unit to test a group of students and/or staff when a potential cluster of COVID-19 cases has been identified and transmission appears to have occurred within the school.

The purpose of the mobile rapid response unit is to provide free, optional testing of asymptomatic individuals, who are not known to be close contacts, when there is evidence that COVID-19 transmission is likely to have occurred within a classroom or school within the past 14 days. Mobile rapid response unit testing is not intended to provide testing for individuals who develop COVID-19 symptoms or who are close contacts of individuals with confirmed positive COVID-19 test results. Close contacts are defined as only those who have been within 6 feet of the individual for at least fifteen minutes, while the person was infectious.

The following describes minimum conditions, as determined by the Department of Public Health, when a mobile rapid response team may be deployed.

- Within a 14-day period, if two or more individuals within a single classroom test positive for COVID-19 and transmission/exposure is likely to have occurred in the classroom, a mobile rapid response unit may be deployed for all asymptomatic individuals within that classroom.
- Within a 14-day period, if 3 or more individuals or 3 percent, whichever is greater, of a given grade or cohort test positive for COVID-19 and transmission/exposure likely occurred in the school, a mobile rapid response unit may be deployed for all asymptomatic individuals in that grade or cohort.
- Within a 14-day period, if more than 3 percent of a school tests positive for COVID-19 and transmission/exposure likely occurred in the school, a mobile testing unit may be deployed for the entire school population that is asymptomatic.
- Within a 14-day period, if 2 or more individuals within the same bus test positive COVID-19 and transmission/exposure likely occurred on the bus, a mobile rapid response unit may be deployed for all asymptomatic individuals on that bus.

In the event that we request a state sponsored mobile rapid response unit order to provide on-site testing, parents, students 18 and over, and staff will need to fill out the appropriate Authorization for Administration of COVID-19 Test During School Form located on our website under Tri-County Reopening Information Fall 2020 to participate. The links to these forms are below. The District will comply with FERPA to ensure student privacy.

Sincerely,
Stephen F. Dockray
Superintendent

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Links to forms:

AUTHORIZATION FORM – Under 18

<https://www.tri-county.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Authorization-Form-COVID19-test-during-school-under-eighteen.pdf>

AUTHORIZATION FORM – 18 and Over

<https://www.tri-county.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Authorization-Form-COVID-19-test-over-18.pdf>

AUTHORIZATION FORM – Faculty and Staff

<https://www.tri-county.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Authorization-Form-COVID-19-test-during-School-Faculty-and-Staff.pdf>