

# Miller Place Union Free School District

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Monday, December 14, 2020

RE: School Based COVID Testing of Students

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This email is a follow up to my communication yesterday as the District is in the process of preparing to test 20-30% of our staff and students if we are designated as a red, orange or yellow zone by Governor Cuomo and/or the New York State Department of Health. This designation is based on community positive test cases over a period of days.

The District is requesting you participating in this process as it is an incredibly important step in keeping our schools open for student in-person instruction. We will need to test approximately 550 individuals over a defined period of time. The BinaxNOW is the rapid test to be used for this process and will only be administered by a school nurse or a member of Port Jeff EMT under the supervision of our school nurses. You will be notified of testing dates and times in the future and you will be able to indicate if you want to be present when your child is tested.

Threaded below is the link for parents to provide willingness and consent for your child to participate in our District COVID-19 testing. The District has chosen Family ID as the method to register your child for this state mandated testing. Family ID is our software program familiar to many of our families. If you have an account already set up for your child, adding this willingness and consent entails only a few clicks. If you need set up an account it is easy to do (see instructions below) and it only takes a few minutes. You will be able to use this account in the future for other school related purposes.

While our District has not **yet** been designated as a “zone,” please consider registering now so we can prepare for this process **when** (not if) it will be necessary to begin the testing.

This is a pivotal time for our school community. We continue to share a common goal of maintaining in-person student instruction and your willingness to partner with us to accomplish this goal is greatly appreciated.

### **Step by step process:**

Log on to [www.FamilyID.com](http://www.FamilyID.com)

Log-in to your existing account or create an account (directions attached if needed)

Input Miller Place School District – New York

Choose Program - Student COVID-19 School Testing

Register Now

Complete the application – make sure to indicate under special requests if you give consent for your child to be tested **without** you present during the school day (applies to HS and MS students only)

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the required COVID-19 testing please contact Mr. Petrie, Testing Coordinator, your child’s building principal or school nurse, or me.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and please continue to stay safe.

Dr. Marianne F. Cartisano  
Superintendent of Schools