

Holton Public Schools "Rooted in Community, Reaching for Excellence, Ready for the Future"

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Dear Holton Families:

Due to the continuing rise in COVID-19 cases in our schools and community, Holton Public Schools is offering free, weekly rapid COVID-19 antigen testing for all students in grades K-12 beginning Monday, April 19. This **completely voluntary** program will help reduce the possibility of an outbreak of COVID-19 by quickly identifying and isolating any positive cases.

Student athletes 13 years of age and older are being tested each week in compliance with the MDHHS epidemic order effective on April 2. For all other students wanting to participate in this testing program, the attached consent form must be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian. The testing schedule is as follows:

Building/Group	Day/Time	Location
Student Athletes	Mondays 1PM-3PM	MS/HS Fitness Center
Elementary Students	Mondays 9AM-10AM	Elementary Locker room
MS/HS Students	Tuesdays 8AM-9AM	MS/HS Fitness Center

Parents can sign up or discontinue participation for their student in this program at any time. Participation is NOT required.

The rapid antigen testing program collects a swab from the nasal canal and tests for proteins of COVID-19. Results are available in fifteen minutes. Should a student test positive, the parent and student will be notified and advised to confirm this result with a PCR test. You can learn more about the test at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7_o3hY-FJM.

Remember, If your child is sick or there is a known exposure to COVID-19, please keep them home. If we commit to this together, we help keep everyone safe and healthy and our schools able to continue providing in person instruction. If you would like to have your child tested this week, you may call and schedule an appointment by calling (231) 821-1700.

As always thank you for your continued support and contact any of our offices should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Dr. Adam Bayne Superintendent