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Foster-Glocester Regional Schools COVID Testing Plan

Ponaganset High School

Testing Plan for: PHS Athletes & PHS Teachers

Planning Questions	LEA Response
<p>Engagement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What type of consent will you require for student participation in the testing events? 2) How will you track which students have opted-in to testing? 3) What will you do to engage the community and answer questions? 	<p>All student athletes will be required to submit a written consent form to be tested at their initial testing appointment. The consent will be valid for all future testing through the end of the school year. The PHS nurse will maintain a spreadsheet for those who have consent that will be available to the Testing Registrant at each testing session. All student athletes will be required to be tested weekly to participate in school sports. They may get tested at our testing events or from a RIDOH testing site weekly. Teachers & staff will be tested weekly on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>The district will hold an informational Zoom Webinar the week before testing begins. The nurse will also be available to answer additional questions via email.</p>
<p>Test Administration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Who will administer the BINAX tests and who will be part of the testing team? 2) Explain the RIDOH recommended testing model(s) you will be using (including who will be tested and how often). 3) How will you secure the necessary PPE and Biohazard supplies needed for testing? 4) How will you respond when/if you get a positive test result? 	<p>PHS school nurse will be administering the tests. The AD Secretary will be reading/recording results. The Athletic Director, Assistant Superintendent, and Director of Technology will also be trained to administer tests and read test results. The AD Secretary will log and report test results to RIDOH.</p> <p>We will be implementing Option 1 for student athletes and teachers. Students Athletes will be tested weekly on Mondays. All PHS teachers will be tested weekly on Mondays on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>All testing materials will be picked up by the Assistant Superintendent or Director of Technology weekly or as needed and be</p>



trained as trainers for the district. All testing materials will be locked in a secured cabinet in the Nurse's office and/or Assistant Superintendent's office. An inventory of tests will be maintained in both areas. The district will provide gloves, gowns, N95 masks, and face shields for all testing site staff. The district will secure biohazard supplies for the disposal of tests. The Nurse will be responsible for proper disposal of those materials.

An area will be set up outside of the PHS weight room, supervised by staff in PPE for those that test positive. They will contact guardians to come retrieve their child and/or be sent home if they drive. The Nurse will follow up with families regarding RIDOH Playbook protocols. It is expected that RIDOH will then follow up with guardians/families with quarantining and follow-up. PHS administration will work with RIDOH to provide contact tracing information for positive results of students and staff.

Test Location(s):

- 1) Where will testing take place in each participating school?
- 2) How will the school ensure proper health and safety techniques are used in the testing locations?

For student athletes:

Testing will occur in the Weight Room at PHS every Monday. The weight room has doors to the exterior of the building for airflow and entry/exit. The room also has two large air scrubber machines. Students that attend school on Mondays will be tested during the first 2 blocks of the day. The testing site will open at 7:15 am. All other students that are virtual on Mondays will be assigned a testing window throughout the day. They will enter through one exterior door for check in, be tested, then exit the other exterior door to return home and wait for results.

Process:

1. Students arrive at the testing area with a signed consent form (for initial testing) or must have a consent form on file (for subsequent testing).



Students are standing 6' apart while waiting for testing. Students will be assigned a block of time to arrive at the test site to minimize lines and congregating while waiting for tests.

2. Once the staff checks for consent, staff will screen students with the COVID symptoms screener form that students/guardians complete every morning before arriving at school.
3. They will be given a BinaxNOW test kit with their name on it and a sealed swab.
4. Students will proceed to the next station. The nurse will proceed with the testing protocols.
5. Direct student to take the swab out of the wrapper.
6. The nurse will add 6 drops to the test kit.
7. Have the student swab their own nose, direct them to put the swab in the test kit, and turn clockwise 3 times.
8. Have the student remove the adhesive strip and close the kit.
9. Students will place the kit on the reading station table.
10. Staff at the Result Reading station will monitor kits.
11. Students that are attending school will return to class. If testing occurs at the end of a class period, students will wait for results before entering a new class. All other students will exit the second door and return home to wait for results.
12. After 20 minutes, staff will review test results.
13. Parents will receive an email for all negative results.
14. In-person students that test positive will be directed to an isolation area until they can be picked up or they may leave if their own transportation



is available. Students waiting for results at home that test positive will be notified by the nurse.

15. Parents will receive a phone call notifying them of a positive result and other instructions based on the RIDOH Playbook.
16. Trained staff will slide the used testing kit into the biohazard bag after testing results are read.
17. Students and staff will sanitize their hands before leaving the testing site.
18. AD Secretary will then log all results into the RIDOH testing portal.

For teachers and school staff:

Testing will occur in the weight room throughout the day on Mondays during their preparation period or contractual break period. Teachers will open their kits and self swab their nose. The nurse will add 6 drops to the test kit. The teacher will put the swab in the test kit, and turn clockwise 3 times. The teacher will remove the adhesive strip and close the kit. The time of the test will be marked in permanent marker. The teacher will wait in the waiting area for results. The nurse/trained staff will read results after 20 minutes. Teachers will return to class if negative. They will be sent home immediately if positive. The nurse will notify the front office of any positive teacher results immediately so coverage can be secured. All results will be recorded on a spreadsheet and the AD secretary will enter positive results in the RIDOH portal.



Testing Plan for: PMS Athletes & Teachers

Planning Questions	LEA Response
<p>Engagement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What type of consent will you require for student participation in the testing events? 2. How will you track which students have opted-in to testing? 3. What will you do to engage the community and answer questions? 	<p>All student athletes will be required to submit a written consent form to be tested at their initial testing appointment. The consent will be valid for all future testing through the end of the school year. The PMS nurse will maintain a spreadsheet for those who have consent that will be available to the Testing Registrant at each testing session. All student athletes will be required to be tested weekly to participate in school sports. They may get tested at our testing events or from a RIDOH testing site weekly. Teachers & staff will be tested weekly on a voluntary basis.</p> <p>The district will hold an informational Zoom Webinar the week before testing begins. The nurse will also be available to answer additional questions via email.</p>
<p>Test Administration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who will administer the BINAX tests and who will be part of the testing team? 2. Explain the RIDOH recommended testing model(s) you will be using (including who will be tested and how often). 3. How will you secure the necessary PPE and Biohazard supplies needed for testing? 4. How will you respond when/if you get a positive test result? 	<p>PMS school nurse will be administering the tests for staff and in-person student athletes every Monday. The Principal will be reading results. The Athletic Director, AD secretary, PMS Principal, Director of Technology, and Assistant Superintendent will also be trained to administer tests and read test results. The AD Secretary will log and report test results to RIDOH.</p> <p>We will be implementing Option 1 for student athletes and teachers. Students Athletes will be tested weekly on Mondays. In-person students will be tested at PMS in the Nurse’s Suite Approximately 45 students will be tested weekly, but only approximately 20 will be tested at PMS. All PMS teachers & staff will be tested weekly on Mondays on a voluntary basis. All other PMS student athletes will be tested on Mondays at the PHS weight room throughout the day with an assigned testing window. (See PHS testing plan)</p>



	<p>All testing materials will be picked up by the Assistant Superintendent or Director of Technology weekly or as needed. All testing materials will be locked in a secured cabinet in the PMS Nurse's office and Assistant Superintendent's office. An inventory of tests will be maintained in both areas. The district will provide gloves, gowns, N95 masks, and face shields for all testing site staff. The district will secure biohazard supplies for the disposal of tests and used PPE. The Nurse will be responsible for proper disposal of those materials.</p> <p>In-person student athletes will be tested on Mondays and return to class. Students that test positive will wait in the isolation room until the parent/guardian can pick up their student. Staff will contact guardians to come retrieve their child if the result is positive. The Nurse will follow up with families regarding RIDOH Playbook protocols. It is expected that RIDOH will then follow up with guardians/families with quarantining and follow-up. PMS administration will work with RIDOH to provide contact tracing information for all positive students and staff. Negative results will be emailed to guardians.</p>
<p>Test Location(s):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where will testing take place in each participating school? 2. How will the school ensure proper health and safety techniques are used in the testing locations? 	<p><u>For student athletes:</u></p> <p>Testing will occur in the Nurse's Suite for in-person student athletes on Mondays. All other PMS student athletes will report to the PHS weight room for testing during their assigned testing window on Mondays (See PHS plan above).</p> <p>Process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students arrive at the testing area with a signed consent form (for initial testing) or must have a consent form on file (for subsequent testing). Students are standing 6' apart while waiting for testing. Students will be assigned a block of time to arrive at



- the test site to minimize lines and congregating while waiting for tests.
2. Once the staff checks for consent, staff will screen students with the COVID symptoms screener form that students/guardians complete every morning before arriving at school.
 3. They will be given a BinaxNOW test kit with their name on it and a sealed swab.
 4. The nurse will proceed with the testing protocols.
 5. Direct student to take the swab out of the wrapper.
 6. The nurse will add 6 drops to the test kit.
 7. Have the student swab their own nose, direct them to put the swab in the test kit, and turn clockwise 3 times.
 8. Have the student remove the adhesive strip and close the kit.
 9. Students will place the kit on the reading station table.
 10. Staff/nurse at the Result Reading station will monitor kits.
 11. Students that are attending school will return to class. If testing occurs at the end of a class period, students will wait for results before entering a new class.
 12. After 20 minutes, staff will review test results.
 13. Parents will receive an email for all negative results.
 14. In-person students that test positive will be directed to an isolation area until they can be picked up or they may leave if their own transportation is available. Students waiting for results at home that test positive will be notified by the nurse.
 15. Parents will receive a phone call notifying them of a positive result and



other instructions based on the RIDOH Playbook.

16. Trained staff will slide the used testing kit into the biohazard bag after testing results are read.
17. Students and staff will sanitize their hands before leaving the testing site.
18. AD Secretary will then log all results into the RIDOH testing portal.

For teachers and school staff:

Testing will occur in the nurse's office throughout the day on assigned days and times during their preparation period or contractual break period. Teachers will open their kits and self swab their nose. The nurse will add 6 drops to the test kit. The teacher will put the swab in the test kit, and turn clockwise 3 times. The teacher will remove the adhesive strip and close the kit. The time of the test will be marked in permanent marker. The teacher will wait in the adjoining isolation room while waiting results. The nurse will read results after 15 minutes. Teachers will return to class if negative. They will be sent home immediately if positive. The nurse will notify the front office of any positive teacher results immediately so coverage can be secured. All results will be recorded on a spreadsheet and the AD secretary will enter results in the RIDOH portal.