



District 186 may offer the following testing options at your child's school. These testing measures are both available at no cost to the District through the State of Illinois. They are both mitigation strategies to help keep students in school.

SHIELD Illinois – SHIELD Illinois is a surveillance testing program through the University of Illinois. The SHIELD test is a saliva-based PCR test. Students would be tested 1 or 2 times per week to identify cases as early as possible. Results are available within 24 hours. Negative results allow students to return to class. The test is self-administered with help from our testing partner. The testing partner will contact families directly with medical results.

BinaxNow – The BinaxNow Test is an antigen test that provides results in approximately 15 minutes. This test is used when a student has symptoms. In some cases, a negative Binax test is sufficient to allow a student to return to class. In other cases, a PCR test, such as the SHIELD test, is required. The test is a nose swab administered by a school nurse.

Is testing required?

- Testing is not required for vaccinated students.
- Testing is not required, but highly encouraged, for unvaccinated students.
- Testing is required for unvaccinated students participating in extracurricular activities.

Testing all unvaccinated staff and students is critical because approximately 50% of spread is through asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic individuals.

Why should my student participate?

- Early detection
- Keeps kids in school and extracurriculars and reduce any need for quarantine
- Peace of mind
- For vaccinated students, surveillance testing is not necessary. However, if a vaccinated student has symptoms, he/she must be excluded from school for 10 days or have a negative PCR test or alternative diagnosis.

More information is available on the District website.

Please sign on the back to give permission for your student to be tested through the SHIELD Illinois program and/or BinaxNOW program.

Student Name:

SHIELD Illinois Consent

- I have signed this form freely and voluntarily, and I am legally authorized to make decisions for the child named above.
- I consent for my child to be tested for COVID-19 infection.
- I understand that my child may be tested multiple times beginning August 2021.
- I understand that this consent form will be valid for the 2021-2022 school year, unless I notify the designated contact person from my child's school in writing that I revoke my consent.
- I understand that my child's test results and other information may be disclosed only as permitted by law.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

BinaxNow Consent

- I have signed this form freely and voluntarily, and I am legally authorized to make decisions for the child named above.
- I consent for my child to be tested for COVID-19 infection.
- I understand that my child may be tested if he/she is symptomatic.
- I understand that this consent form will be valid for the 2021-2022 school year, unless I notify the designated contact person from my child's school in writing that I revoke my consent.
- I understand that my child's test results and other information may be disclosed only as permitted by law.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date