



NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and guardians,

We have now received and are ready to distribute the Rapid Antigen Test kits that were sent to each school district by the Provincial Government. These tests are intended for students in K-12 schools, and should only be used when a student is experiencing [possible symptoms of COVID-19](#). *Please do not use the test kits with your children if they do not have symptoms of the illness.*

During this week each student will be sent home with a package of five Rapid Antigen Tests. These kits should only be administered by adults.

The kits we have been sent are approved by Health Canada, and the safe and proper use instruction of these kits has recently been updated and is available on the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) website. **Please take a few minutes to read this information to ensure that you are properly storing and using the kits that have been provided:** <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/rapid-antigen-testing/rapid-testing-at-home>

As outlined by the BCCDC, if you administer a test and find it is positive, it means your child likely has COVID-19. In which case you should:

- Use this information to understand your next steps: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/testing/understanding-test-results>
- Complete an online form to report the test result to public health: <https://reportcovidresults.bccdc.ca/>

If the result is negative, your child may return to school when they feel well enough to return to regular activities.

In either case, please notify our school if your child will be absent, and make sure to specify if the absence is a result of an illness, to support our continued tracking and reporting to Fraser Health.

Thank you for continuing to do daily health checks, for keeping your kids home when they are sick, and for working as partners in keeping our school as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

Murray McLeod
NWSS Principal