

## Pearl River School District

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Dear Parents of Pearl River School District Students,

Effective today, Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, optional COVID testing for students will now be located in the District Administration Building at 135 West Crooked Hill Road. Please review the COVID testing information below as a refresher:

Pearl River School District is offering free COVID-19 testing (PCR nasal swab) for students currently enrolled in our District. This **optional** testing can be used for student COVID-19 exposures and for any required testing of sports athletes. Please note that testing is not open to parents or children of preschool age.

## If you wish your child(ren) to participate in the PRSD COVID testing program:

- We have arranged to have **COVID-19 testing** on Mondays from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM in Pirate Cove at Pearl River High School. Testing will be on a first come-first served basis.
- Prior to being tested, you must register your child(ren) at the <u>Testing Portal</u> or scan the QR code at the bottom of this page. When registering, be sure to select the option uninsured as there is no cost for this test. Registration should take less than 3 minutes. Parents will need to register each child being tested. Your registration serves as your consent for your child(ren) to be tested and is the repository where you may check test results. Please be sure to include your email so your test results can be emailed to you. You will only need to register once. Please ensure you register with an email to access results.
- The test is a **very simple nasal swab; it is not a deep nasal swab**. The test is performed with a swab which is much like a Q-tip. Each nasal opening is swabbed for 10-15 seconds, and then the swab is placed in a vial to be sent to the lab. You will be notified via email from the company within 24-72 hours if you are positive. The company, USA Medical, will also provide information on how to contact a telemedicine doctor at no charge. If you use this telemedicine doctor, and she/he prescribes medication, the cost of the medication is not covered by the school district.

If you have any questions, parents of students should contact their child's principal while parents of athletes should contact Artie McCormack, Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics.

