**CPS /CCHS FAQ Asymptomatic Pooled Testing**

**1. How is the test sample collected?**

It is a self, anterior nasal swab. Cotton swab, 3x around each nostril. (See visual document). Young students in Kindergarten and Grade One will be swabbed by a school nurse. This is NOT an invasive swab.

**2. Should individuals who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 be included in pools?**Individuals who have previously tested positive in the past 90 days should **not** test. After 90 days, you should be included again in the pools. (Please note that guidance on this point will soon be revised from 90 to 180 days after a positive individual test result).

**3. As individuals are vaccinated, should they be included in pools?** Yes. Vaccinated individuals should still be included in pooled testing.

**4. How long will it take to receive pooled test results?**

In most cases, it will take 10 to 30 hours to receive pooled test results. As a reminder, students **do not** need to quarantine while awaiting pooled test results and should be in school unless you become symptomatic.

**5. How will parents be notified of pooled results?**

You will receive an individual notification if your child is in a positive pool. The entire school will be notified when all positive pools have been contacted.

**6. What will this pooled test tell me?**

This test will confirm whether or not someone in a pool group is currently infected with COVID-19.

**○ Positive - If a pool result is positive, it is important that all pool group members are individually retested immediately.** Pool group members should isolate until they can be individually tested. Testing can be conducted at these sites. Please let us know if you need other options.

* During school hours at CCHS: call 978-341-2932 and speak with Lisa or KariAnn to schedule a test if available.
* ProEMS in Cambridge <https://covidtesting.proems.com/register/> Use the Public portal
* Massachusetts Stop the Spread Sites: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

If you need assistance with cost at the paid sites, please contact us. The Stop the Spread sites are free.

After individually retesting, submit results to your school nurse. If you receive a positive PCR test result, you should immediately isolate and wear a face mask at all times. If your individual PCR is negative, no further action needed.

**○ Negative -** A negative test result means that SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, was **not** detected in the sample.

*If you have any questions about these results or testing recommendations, please reach out to your School Nurse.*