

## **Orange Township Public Schools**

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### Orange Public Schools COVID-19 Testing Program 2022-2023 – Ending on Thursday, May 11, 2023

April 19, 2023

Good Day Staff, Families, and Caregivers,

Creating a safe school environment for staff and students is a priority for the district. That is why we instituted *voluntary* weekly **no-cost** COVID-19 testing in all reopened school buildings during the previous school year since May 24, 2021. The program was re-launched to accommodate the students and staff members for the 2022-2023 school year. COVID-19 Testing is available on a weekly basis at each school and facilitated by district partner JL Hudson Holdings, LLC (JLHH).

JLHH was recently informed that insurance companies and other funding sources are no longer offering reimbursement to companies that offer routine COVID-19 Testing and will require copays and deductibles. As a result, JLHH can no longer offer no-cost COVID-19 Testing to staff and students. Consequently, Thursday, **May 11, 2023**, will be the last day onsite no-cost COVID-19 Testing will be offered at district schools.

#### Please note......

1. No action is required of staff and families who have students currently enrolled in the program.

2. The program is no longer accepting new applicants.

3. The district will continue to follow the weekly COVID-19 testing schedule through May 11, 2023. Afterwards, testing will no longer be available in the district. For more information and to view the district's COVID-19 Testing Program Schedule, please visit the district website (COVID-19 Resources Page) at: <u>https://www.orange.k12.nj.us/domain/3058</u>

#### Program oversight and consulting:

JLHH will continue to provide medical oversight through May 11, 2023. This will ensure that the students and parents have access to consulting care, which will be available through a dedicated phone system.

#### Does the district still offer At-Home Testing Kits?

1. Yes, this program is being provided at **no cost** to the district, staff, parents, and/or students until further notice.

2. Everyone qualifies regardless of if they have insurance or not. Insurance is **not required**, and your insurance company will not be contacted regarding the program.

3. Only 2 kits are available per month, for staff members and students.

4. Contact the school nurse for information and enrollment in the At-Home Testing Program.

#### 5. The At-Home Testing Kit Program will end on June 23, 2023.

Who do I contact regarding questions about COVID-19 Testing?

Dr. Sampson Davis Telephone: 973-868-0615 Email: CovidTestNY@gmail.com

#### Who do I contact about questions at my school?

Contact the school building principal or send an email regarding your questions to reopening of schools @ orange.k12.nj.us.

"The Orange Public School District commits to provide a safe and caring environment where each student is expected to grow and succeed. We pledge to prepare all students with equitable opportunities for college and career readiness, leading to lifelong learning and responsible citizenship in a competitive global community."

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In Partnership,

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