

The Grosse Pointe Public School System

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Hello North Athletic Families

We hope you are doing well and your break is restful and rejuvenating. As you may be aware, the MDHHS has instituted a weekly testing protocol for ALL spring athletes beginning April 2, 2021.

Testing Dates, Times, and Locations

North will begin rapid antigen testing on all spring athletes starting April 5th. Please see the table below for dates, times, and locations.

Date	Time	Location	Note		
April 5th	3:15pm- 4:30pm	Gym	Instruction is being delivered remotely the week of April 5th-9th. Testing will occur in the gym BEFORE athletes can attend practice. Please see the chart below for April 5th team testing times. It is imperative that athletes attend their SCHEDULED testing time before practices/contests/school in order to participate in the upcoming week activities.		
April 12th & April 19th	& 8:00am Testing will occur i Specific times will imperative that a before practices/		Currently, instruction is planned to be delivered full face to face. Testing will occur in the gym BEFORE school. Specific times will be provided to athletes by their coaches. It is imperative that athletes attend their SCHEDULED testing time before practices/contests/school in order to participate in the upcoming week activities.		

April 5th - Rapid Antigen Testing Schedule										
Gym Location	Time	Team		Gym Location	Time	Team				
Section D	3:20	Freshman Baseball		Section D	4:00	Varsity Baseball				
Section C	3:25	Girls Tennis		Section C	4:05	Varsity Softball				
Section B	3:30	Boys Golf		Section B	4:15	JV Softball				
Section B	3:30	Sail/Crew		Section A	4:20	JV Baseball				
Section A	3:35	V & JV Girls LAX		Section D	4:25	Boys LAX				
Section C & D	3:40	Girls Track		Section C	4:30	Girls Soccer				
Section A & B	3:55	Boys Track								

Scheduled Testing Time and Procedures

- ❖ Athletes will receive their designated testing time from their coaches.
- ❖ Athletes will meet their coaches in front of the gym and enter as a team.
- Athletes will enter the gym as a team.
- On April 5th, athletes will check in and submit the required documents for testing (see below).

Testing Process

- Testing will be administered by our athletic trainers.
- ❖ Each athlete will complete their own sample collection following the directions of the athletic trainers. The trainers will direct the athletes to swab their own nose and place the swab in the test card. (This is the same procedure the MHSAA used for post season winter athletics).
- Athletes must wait 15 minutes for rapid antigen results.
- Results will be recorded by an athletic trainer.

Negative or Positive Result

- ❖ If an athlete is negative they may continue to practice or their competition.
- If an athlete is positive a parent/guardian will be notified and the athlete will be sent home pending a PCR test. Then what?
 - → If the PCR test yields a negative result the athlete may return to school and athletics immediately upon providing documentation to the school and athletic department.
 - → If the PCR test yields a positive result the athlete will need to quarantine for 10 days per the WCHD Return to School Road Map.
- ❖ If the family wishes not to obtain a PCR test, a positive rapid antigen test will be the test of record and the athlete will need to guarantine for 10 days per the WCHD Return to School Road Map.

IMPORTANT - Required Documents for the First Day of Testing

The documents below must be completed by the athlete and the parent/guardian in order for the athlete to be tested and participate in spring sports. These documents only need to be completed before the first day of testing. All subsequent testing only requires the student athlete attend their scheduled testing time.

Participant Code of Conduct Form

Consent and Registration Form for Rapid Covid-19 Antigen Test

BinaxNOW Antigen Testing Result Form - Grosse Pointe North High School Athletics

Without the paperwork above the athlete will not be allowed to test. Athletes will be sent home until the paperwork is completed and submitted and will only then be able to continue with athletic participation.

Exemptions

The following scenarios would exempt your athlete from testing:

Vaccinated: Please bring a copy of the vaccination card for proof of immunity and for our records.

- If given a two-dose vaccine series (Pfizer, Moderna) immunity will be achieved two weeks after the second dose.
- ❖ If given a one-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson) immunity will be achieved two weeks after that dose. Once immunity is achieved based on the schedules above, the individual may be exempt from quarantine for the following three months, provided the individual does not have any COVID-19 symptoms.

Positive Covid PCR test in the last 5 months

Please bring a copy of the PCR report to verify the date the athlete tested positive. We will need to keep a copy for our records. Once the 5 month mark expires, the athlete will then need to complete the paperwork above and begin rapid antigen testing.

Information and resources for the BinaxNow Antigen Test

If you are interested in watching a short video explaining the Rapid Antigen Test, please click the link below. Once open, scroll down to the video section on the main page.

Rapid Antigen Test Overview Video

Questions you may have regarding testing:

If my child is currently in quarantine and cannot attend the Monday testing date and time what should we do?

Upon return to school the athlete should reach out to the North Athletic Trainers and their coaches to schedule a testing time. Athletes will not be allowed to participate until they are tested and receive a negative result. North's head athletic trainer is Kierra Washington - her email is washink@gpschools.org. If you need further assistance please contact our athletic office administrative staff. Teresa Bennett - bennet@gpschools.org or Laura VandePutte- vandepl@gpschools.org or call 313-432-3217.

Can an athlete participate if they do not test?

No, an athlete must be tested weekly in order to participate in spring athletics. Any athlete not tested will not be eligible to participate in practices or contests during the week. It is imperative that athletes attend their scheduled testing time before practices/contests/school in order to play a spring sport.

Can an individual "test out" of a close contact quarantine?

Close Contact

Per WCHD Return to School Roadmap - if an individual is a "close contact" to a person who tests positive for Covid19 - they **cannot** test out of quarantine regardless of the test result or type of test administered. Symptoms can present up to 10 days after a close contact.

We know this is a tremendous amount of information to digest. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the athletic office at 313-432-3217. We will do our best to answer all your questions.

As an athletic program, our main goal is to keep our athletes safe, healthy and active. We will continue to do our best to ensure your child completes a safe and successful spring season.

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