



**Schodack Central School District  
COVID-19 Testing Plan for  
High-Risk Sports  
As of 02/05/21**

The Schodack Central School District is committed to the health and safety of our school community. The following testing plan has been created to ensure that our student-athletes that participate in high-risk sports are monitored weekly for COVID-19. It is understood that participation in high-risk sports increases potential exposure to COVID-19 and, weekly testing, will help limit potential exposure if someone tests positive for the virus.

1. Schodack CSD will use the BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test. You can access the [BinaxNOW Patient Fact Sheet by clicking here](#).
2. All tests will be performed (which will involve inserting a small swab, similar to a Q-Tip, into the front of the nose) by a certified/licensed healthcare provider. Currently, Amanda Fish, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), has agreed to perform the tests on all of our student-athletes. Other Schodack employees have volunteered to assist with other tasks that are associated with testing. All members of our COVID Testing Team have been trained on the administration of the BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test.
3. [Here is a link to a short video](#) on our athletics web page demonstrating how the BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test is administered.
4. COVID-19 testing will occur over the course of two days, likely Monday and Tuesday, with the exception of this week with tests occurring on Thursday (2/11) and Friday (2/12). A testing schedule for the vacation week will be communicated later this week.
  - a. Student-athletes will receive their test during school hours on days in which they attend in-person.
  - b. COVID-19 test will be administered at 3:15 at the high school for any remote student-athlete participating in high-risk sports on the days that in-person student-athletes are tested. The Athletic Director will work to assign a day for each remote student.
  - c. All tests will be performed on-site and results can be read in about 15 minutes of administration. We will notify you of your child's negative test results by email (from: [covidinfo@schodack.k12.ny.us](mailto:covidinfo@schodack.k12.ny.us)). If any student-athlete tests positive the school will contact a parent by phone.

- d. Any students who test positive will be sent home and must be kept at home until meeting Rensselaer County Public Health criteria to return to school. Rensselaer County Department of Health will be notified and we recommend you contact your child's doctor immediately to make them aware of their positive test result.
  - e. By regulation, the district must ensure that the results of any administered COVID-19 test, regardless of the result, must be reported to the Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System (ECLRS).
5. Please be aware of the following:
- a. No one asks to get COVID. If we get a positive result, it will likely mean a pause to the season and potential quarantine of the team due to the close contact. We will expect our students to be good friends/teammates and our families to understand this potential.
  - b. Rensselaer County DOH treats a positive test result on any type of COVID test as a positive. If a student-athlete tests positive, they will not be able to go and take a different COVID test to see if they get the same result to come back to school or athletics.
  - c. If your child is placed into quarantine due to an exposure, they may not return unless they remain symptom free for ten (10) days. You may not test out early to return to school or play.
  - d. Quarantine of close contacts is determined by looking back 48 hours from the onset of symptoms or 48 hours from the positive test result if asymptomatic. It is essential that if your student-athlete becomes symptomatic do not allow them to come to school or practice and notify the school nurse immediately.
  - e. Any senior student-athlete who has received the first or second vaccination is still required to participate in weekly testing. Even though you get the vaccine there is a chance you could still get COVID.
  - f. We have been advised by the Rensselaer County DOH that if a student-athlete was a member of a household and was required to quarantine due to a positive family member but they themselves were never tested, they would be required to participate in weekly testing. If they were to test positive they would be treated as a new case and would require to quarantine.
  - g. Any student-athlete that has proof of a confirmed positive test for COVID in the past and has been cleared by the Department of Health, will be exempt from testing for 90 days from the date of their positive test result.
  - h. This plan may be updated and modified as we learn about testing.
  - i. Please stay patient as we are working hard to keep everyone safe and provide our students with opportunities during this difficult time
6. Should you have any questions please contact:
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