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Dear Beacon Community:

I wanted to share more information about our voluntary COVID-19 rapid surveillance program with just some quick facts.

If you are interested in participating in this program, we need your consent, here is the link to the form: <https://forms.gle/exPjeBFLbCvLyjoYA>

Who: This is a voluntary program for in-person students and staff. It helps us gather information about the potential of asymptomatic spread. Surveillance testing is only for healthy individuals showing no symptoms. Our nursing staff will be conducting the testing.

When: The testing will happen on Sundays and Wednesdays. We do not want to interrupt in-person school to do this program so we are targeting Sunday afternoons and Wednesdays for testing. Parents will be with their children when they are tested. We are aiming to start either on Wednesday, January 27 or Sunday, January 31. Results will be shared on the day of the test.

What tests: We are using Avid Diagnostic Binax NOW tests that the New York State Department of Health has provided for us. They require a quick nasal swab with something like a q-tip. These are not PCR tests.

How do I participate: Fill out the link at the top of this message. We will create a random sample from the people who want to participate and we will contact you to set up a time. If you do not want to participate, you do not have to fill anything out.

We will share more information as we go. This is a learning process for all of us and we will probably make changes to the testing program as we see what works for us as a district.

Sincerely,

Matthew Landahl
Superintendent of Schools

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