

Voluntary COVID-19 Testing Program Updates

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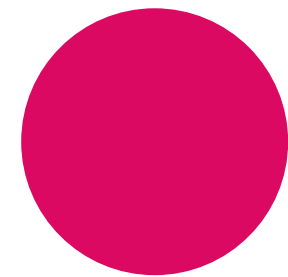
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Overview of Process

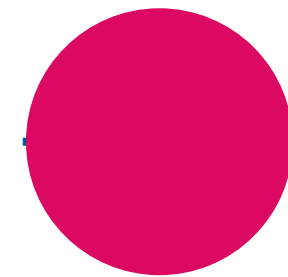
Phase I



MOA approval with Mako
Voluntary testing for schools with active or potential clusters

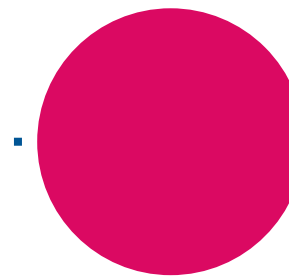
Voluntary testing for Central Services staff

Phase II



Options for voluntary testing open to all schools

Phase III



Anticipated implementation of federal mandates from President Biden

Mandated testing for unvaccinated staff

Pooled Test for Voluntary COVID-19 Testing Program

Parental Consent

Covers both pool testing and individual follow-up testing

Pooled Testing

Mako pools six individuals at a time through a PCR test

If a pool is positive, individuals will have to complete a follow-up test

If a Pool is Positive

If a pool test returns positive, the participants in the pool do not have to stay home per NC DHHS, unless the individual is symptomatic

If an individual in a positive pool has symptoms, they should isolate at home

Refusal for Follow-up Testing

If an individual from a positive-result pool refuses to participate in follow up individual testing, WCPSS will require the individual to stay home from the school site until re-testing or return-to-school criteria are met



Voluntary Testing and Quarantine Requirements

Individuals who participate in the voluntary testing program still subject to return-to-school criteria set forth in the NC StrongSchools Toolkit if they have symptoms, and can return through one of the following three pathways:

- at least 10 days since first symptoms, or
- alternate medical diagnosis, or
- negative COVID-19 test

If individual (including someone in the testing program) is a close contact of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 and required to quarantine, the same options to return from quarantine apply:

- 7-day quarantine option
- 10-day quarantine option
- 14-day quarantine option



Phase I - Voluntary Testing



MOA with Mako Medical - in progress, targeting 11/16/21 for board approval



Voluntary Testing for Schools with Active or Potential Clusters - in progress with Mako and our schools

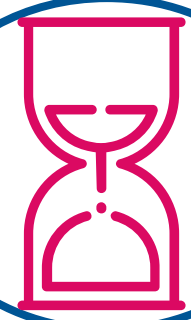


Voluntary Testing Central Services Staff - central service locations have been designated and set up is in progress with Mako

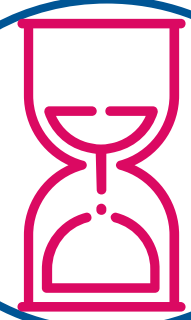


Communication Plan for Families, Schools, and Staff - ready to rollout communication

Phase II - Voluntary Testing Open to All Schools



Testing for All Schools - in progress with Mako and our schools



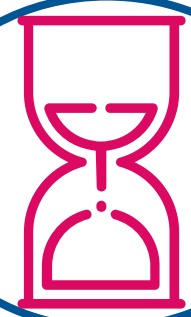
Develop Process for Adding Schools on a Rolling Basis - in progress with Mako and our schools

Timeline to Launch: Early December to early January

Phase III - Mandated Vaccinations for All Staff



Process for Requesting Proof of Vaccination from Staff - in process with Human Resources, Tech Services, and Mako



Developing Process for Weekly Testing for Unvaccinated Staff - in process with Mako

Timeline to Launch: TBD

Pending Publication of Federal Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)



Summary

- Preparing to launch Phase I, while Phase II and Phase III are being worked on
- MOA to Board of Education for approval at 11/16/21 meeting
- Working with schools with active or potential clusters and Mako to set up voluntary testing program
- Working with Mako to set up voluntary testing program at central services locations
- Communication plan is ready to share with families, schools, and staff
- Additional schools will be part of Phase II
- Working on proof of vaccination submission process

Dialogue and Questions

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ANYTHING
IS POSSIBLE.