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Dear BHASED Student Parents and Guardians:

We are very excited to share that BHASED is now approved to provide COVID-19 Rapid Testing for any student enrolled in a BHASED Program (Center, Phoenix, or DHH Program) at our Black Hawk Area Education Center location in East Moline. The BINAX COVID-19 Rapid Test is available to BHASED students or staff who have one or more symptoms of COVID-19.

Quick facts:

- A positive BINAX COVID-19 Rapid Test result is a positive for COVID-19 and will result in an immediate need to quarantine as per county health department, IDPH, and CDC guidelines.
- A negative BINAX COVID-19 rapid test **does not confirm** an individual is negative for the virus. At this time the local health department only recognizes a negative PCR as negative for COVID-19. Therefore, a negative rapid test result will still require an individual to quarantine according to the County Health Department guidelines until or unless a negative PCR test result or doctor's note indicating that the symptom(s) are being caused by something other than COVID-19 is obtained.
- Results are available in 15 minutes.
- The test is completely **optional**. No one will be required to be tested.
- The rapid test will be available for BHASED students and staff at no charge.

Again, this test is only available for individuals who have one or more symptoms of the virus.

If your BHASED Center, Phoenix, or DHH program student is in need of a rapid test, please reach out to the nurses to get your appointment scheduled. They are available Monday - Friday from 7:30 -3:15. and can be reached by email at [nursing@bhased.org](mailto:nursing@bhased.org) or by phone at 309-792-6100.

Being able to offer rapid tests for students and staff is another tool we will be using to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and programs during this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Christan Schrader,  
BHASED Director