



Christan Schrader Director

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Families:

I am pleased to share with you that BHASED will be offering a free and voluntary COVID-19 PCR screening program for unvaccinated students provided by Health and Human Services (HHS). This PCR screening program will help our schools identify kids who have the virus but don't have symptoms and who may be contagious. This will allow us to take quick action to prevent further spread to other students and their families, and to staff. We will minimize inperson learning interruption and our community and school will be safer.

This voluntary screening program for unvaccinated students will be a PCR nasal test that will be administered weekly to your child. This test will also be available for use with individuals are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

How will this process work?

- Your child will have a scheduled weekly screening day (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) each week.
- The samples will be collected at school using a short, nasal swab to gently swab the inside of the nose. School staff will send the samples to the laboratory for testing later that day.
- Results will be emailed to you or reported to you within 24-48 hours of the screening.

To learn more about this screening testing program visit https://testedandprotected.org/#/

If you are interested in having your child participate in this screening program, please complete the following brief survey. <u>Survey Link</u>

Please reach out with any questions to nursing@bhased.org or to me at cschrader@bhased.org or by phone: 309-796-2500.

Sincerely,

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