



RIDE Rhode Island Department of Education

February 4, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), in collaboration with the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), is pleased to announce that we are now offering participation in a one-time COVID-19 testing program at Frank E. Thompson Middle School. Rhode Island continues to pursue aggressive testing for COVID-19 as a foundation of addressing the pandemic in the state. As part of the state testing approach, we are now testing in schools.

Frank E. Thompson Middle School will offer polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021**. All students, staff, and teachers at schools are being offered testing at this site free of charge.

For the test, your student will receive one nasal swab. This swab will be sent to a lab for PCR-based testing. The results of this test will be available in 24-48 hours on portal.ri.gov.

The school administrator at your student’s school will have access to the results of the PCR test. If you have any questions on the program you may reach out to your student’s school.

In order for your student to participate in this testing program, your permission is needed. **Sign below and return form back to the school if you would like your student to participate.**

Child’s Name: _____

Child’s School: **Frank E. Thompson Middle School** _____

Child’s Grade Level: _____

Please check your child’s group:

- A-Group Students: A-Group students will be tested during the school day.
- B-Group Students: B-Group students will be notified of a time for their tests prior to the test date.

Parent/Guardian’s Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian’s EMAIL: _____

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: _____

In closing, we would like to thank you for your support of this new program and our efforts to expand our prevention, detection, and testing of COVID-19 in our state and within our schools.

Sincerely,

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