

September 5, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am pleased to inform you that the Somersworth School District will continue to participate in the NH “Safer at Schools Screening” or SASS program to offer asymptomatic COVID-19 testing at school for all students and staff.

The NH SASS program will allow parents to have their child checked weekly for COVID-19. This program is **voluntary**, and parents may choose to have their child opt in or out at any time.

Although the numbers of students and staff in our district that have tested positive for COVID-19 is low, COVID-19 transmission still exists in our community. Because of this and the fact that we will be moving more activities indoors as the colder weather approaches, the District’s COVID-19 Response Management Team believes SASS testing can help keep our schools remain safe for in-person learning.

This program is completely **VOLUNTARY**; no student or staff member is required to participate. Students **must** have parent permission in order to be tested.

Attached you will find more information about the program itself and how you can access your child’s test results.

**We are planning to implement this program starting on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.** If you are interested in having your child participate, please return the attached form to your child’s school nurse. **If your child participated in the SASS program last year, you need to submit a new permission slip for the 22-23 school year.** In order for your child to begin testing on September 14<sup>th</sup>, **please return the permission slip by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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We hope that you will consider having your child participate in this important program.

Sincerely,

Lori Lane

Superintendent

