

COVID-19 Testing Plan

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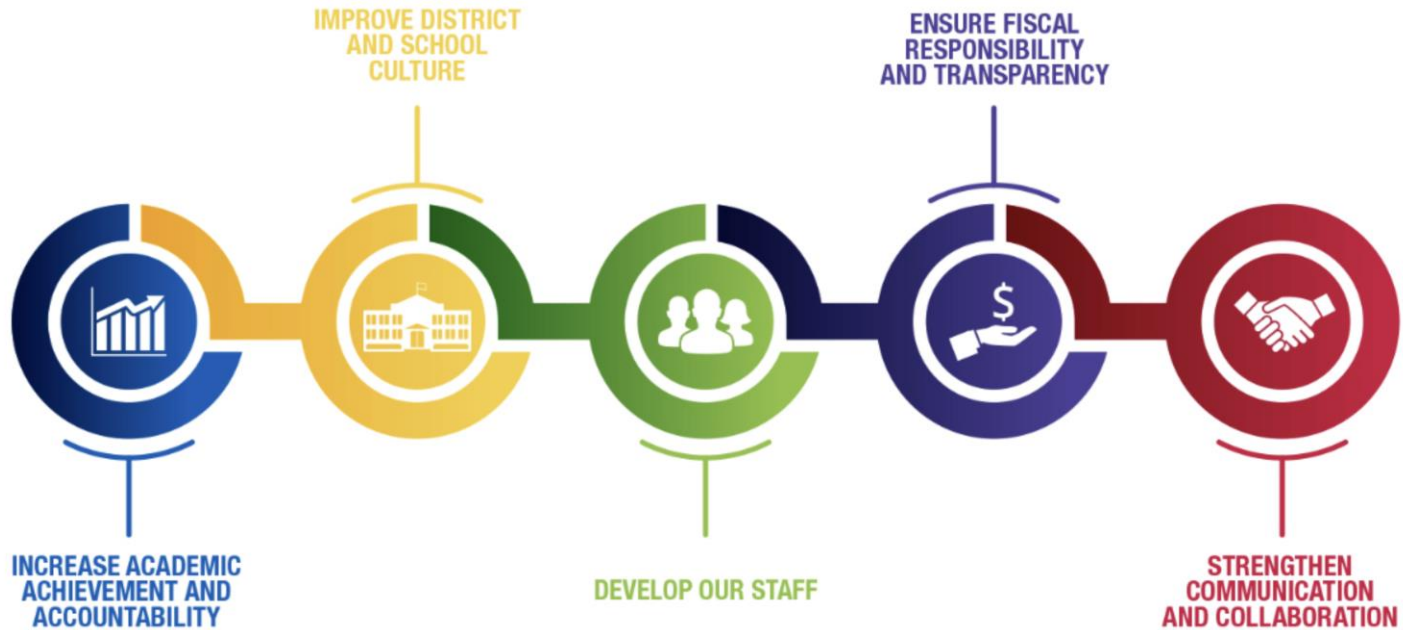


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Five Priorities for Success



District Plan Updated

In response to the February 10, 2022, Special Board meeting, we have updated our COVID-19 plan to include:

- Campaign to increase vaccination opportunities and awareness
- Strategies to increase testing consent among students
- Additional testing opportunities

Vaccine Information

- Continued partnership with the Milwaukee Health Department to run vaccine clinics
- New round of clinics to start after spring break
- Target the anticipated vaccine approval for children under 5 years of age
- Information regarding vaccines found in the Thursday Updates and is shared directly with schools
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/resource-center.html#factsheets>



Vaccine Opportunities

| DATE | SITE | PEDIATRIC PFIZER DOSES | PFIZER DOSES | J&J DOSES | TOTAL DOSES |
|-----------|---|------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1/13/2022 | MPS Fratney Escuela | 97 | 176 | | 273 |
| 1/19/2022 | MPS Alexander Mitchell Integrated Arts School | 14 | 18 | | 32 |
| 1/20/2022 | MPS Morse Middle School | 5 | 17 | | 22 |
| 1/21/2022 | MPS Zablocki Public School | 27 | 28 | | 55 |
| 1/25/2022 | MPS Hayes Bilingual School | 13 | 26 | | 39 |
| 1/28/2022 | MPS Auer Avenue School | 11 | 10 | | 21 |
| 1/31/2022 | MPS Clarke Avenue School | 5 | 11 | | 16 |
| 2/3/2022 | MPS Jackson Early Childhood and Elementary | 4 | 6 | 1 | 11 |
| 2/3/2022 | MPS Fratney Escuela | 53 | 36 | | 89 |
| 2/4/2022 | MPS Starms Discovery School | 17 | 15 | | 32 |
| 2/7/2022 | MPS Longfellow School | 2 | 7 | | 9 |
| | TOTAL | | | | 599 |



COVID-19 Testing Consent Form

- Form has been revised to gather information regarding:
 - Participation in the testing program
 - Routine testing
- Made into a fillable PDF document for electronic completion
- Translated into multiple languages and sent to schools for distribution
- MPS webpage created for form
- Created a QR code for the consent form



Summary of 2021-2022 Testing Program

- MPS participates in DHS COVID-19 K-12 testing program
- Through the program MPS was matched with Summit Clinical Labs as testing vendor
- Testing began in September and covered onsite symptomatic students and staff
- In November, testing expanded to include twice a week testing of unvaccinated staff
- All costs associated with testing covered by DHS

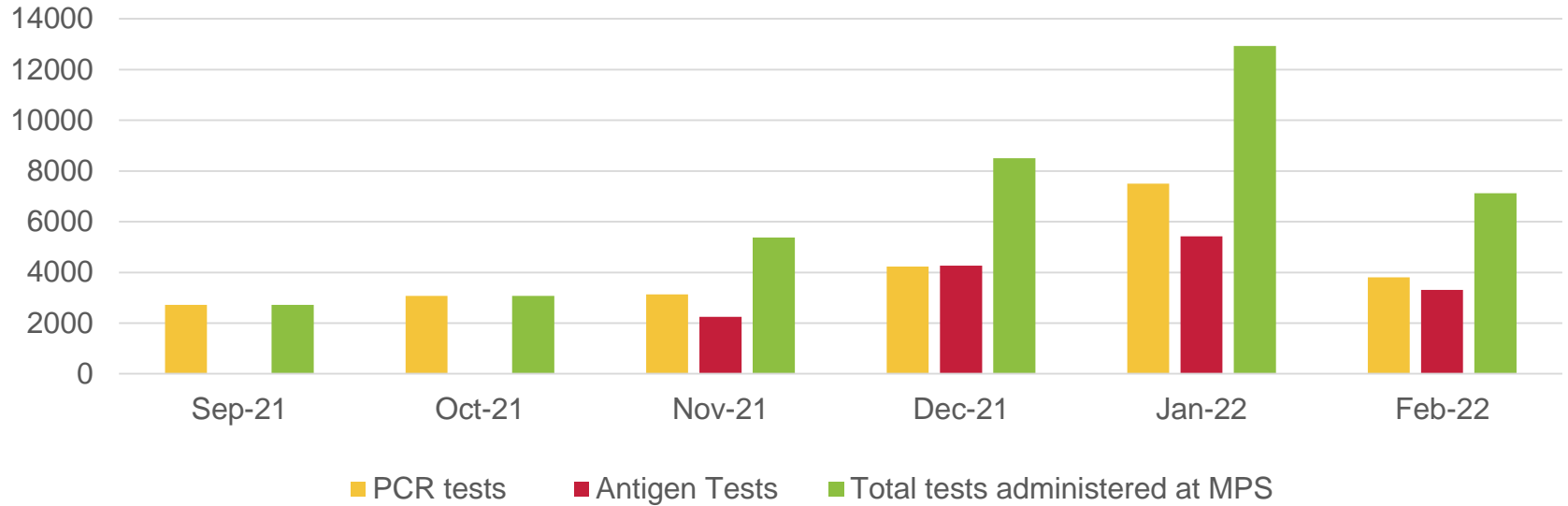


Onsite Testing by Summit Labs

- Summit onsite at MPS for 2 hour blocks:
 - 150 sites T/TH
 - 107 sites M/W/F
- 109 testers assigned to MPS
- Hotline service available to all schools: (262) 282-9927
- PCR testing provided to symptomatic students and staff
- Rapid antigen tests used for routine testing of unvaccinated staff
- Average turnaround time for PCR tests is 10 hours



Number of Tests Administered



Expanding Testing with Summit

- Working with Summit Labs to offer greater testing opportunities during the day
- Upon return from spring break testing will be available at schools either one hour before the school day starts or one hour after the school day ends
- Additional testing opportunities during spring break
- Testing will be expanded to cover asymptomatic students and staff



Additional Testing Opportunities with Novir

- DHS approved the district working with a second vendor, Novir to increase testing opportunities
- Novir began testing at MPS on March 2, 2022
 - Every Wednesday (4pm – 8pm) and Saturday (10am – 2pm)
 - Testing locations: MacDowell, Marshall, and Pulaski
 - Rapid antigen tests provided
 - Spring break hours
- Communication of additional testing opportunities through Thursday Updates, text messages, and social media



Testing Supply Sources

- DHS provides PCR and rapid (antigen) tests for the program
- Temporary national shortage of supplies is no longer an issue
 - DHS has diversified the supply of antigen tests using iHealth and BinaxNOW
- MPS receives a federal allocation of BinaxNOW antigen tests
 - MPS is one of 12 districts/schools in the State of Wisconsin that are provided antigen tests through the Biden administration program.
 - Allotments delivered directly to MPS
 - Can increase the number of requested test kits as needed



Masking Recommendation

- Wearing a face mask is currently required in all MPS buildings
- The Administration recommends moving to a mask optional policy effective April 18, 2022
 - Currently the case burden and test positivity rates are (yellow)
 - If the case burden/test positivity rates move to “substantial transmission (orange)”, the district will revert to a mandatory mask policy
 - Testing policy will remain in place
 - Supply of KN95 and N95 face masks will be maintained



Thank you.

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