

WORTHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Melissa Bosley
Superintendent/CEO



201 South 4th Street
Wortham, TX 76693
School: 254-765-3095

Dear Bulldog Families,

At Wortham ISD, we are committed to doing all we can in order to keep our staff and students healthy and safe. With this goal in mind, we are pleased to announce that we have joined the state Rapid Testing Pilot Program offered to districts by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and The Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

Using rapid COVID-19 antigen test kits (nasal swab), created by BinaxNOW, we will have the ability to quickly identify and isolate positive individuals and add an extra level of protection from COVID-19 to our staff and students. Testing is voluntary, free of charge and will be administered by a WISD employee who has been comprehensively trained on the testing procedure.

The Wortham ISD Onsite COVID-19 Testing Program will be introduced in phases over the course of the next three weeks. While testing implementation is flexible, our projected testing plan is as follows:

- Phase 1: Testing of Symptomatic Staff
 - Beginning January 25, 2021
- Phase 2: Testing of Symptomatic Students
 - Beginning February 1, 2021
- Phase 3: Asymptomatic Testing of Close Contact (exposed) Staff and Students
 - Beginning February 8, 2021

Per the State of Texas Emergency Management Plan, testing will only be conducted on WISD staff and K-12 students who work/learn on campus. Along with online pre-registration, students under the age of 18 must have a parental consent form on file with the school prior to any testing.

Further information on our testing plan, the testing kits and procedures and information on the required registration & consent forms will be sent home with students this week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Bosley".

Melissa Bosley
Superintendent, Wortham ISD

"Home of the Bulldogs"