

**SCHOOL UNION #122**  
**Woodland Consolidated School**  
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Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Guardians,

The Maine CDC and Department of Education (DOE) have implemented a pooled PCR testing program, available to public and private schools. Pooled testing involves mixing several test samples together in a “batch” or “pool” and then testing the pooled sample with a PCR test for detection of SARS-CoV-2.

If a pooled test result is negative, then all individuals within that pool are presumed negative and may remain in school. If a pooled test result is positive, then all individuals in the pool must be retested individually. Students will be testing individually with a rapid antigen test that we already use currently at school.

We will offer testing to everyone—all students and staff—even if they don’t have symptoms of COVID-19. The COVID-19 testing is free, quick, and easy. The school nurse and members of our school staff will oversee testing with nasal swab PCR test, which includes: gently swabbing the inner part of the lower nostril. This test is not painful. We do not use the longer swabs that reach higher into the nose.

Testing will take place in each classroom with students appropriately distanced and will take place every Tuesday with a **start date of November 1st**. Results will be available to the school nurse within 48 hours.

If the pool comes back with a positive result than during the current or next school day that pool of students will be individually tested with a rapid antigen test to determine the positive student(s) in the pool. Only the positive students are required quarantine (from school and community) for 10 days from the date of the positive antigen test. Students who test negative on the rapid antigen test do not need to quarantine from school activities but must quarantine from all other non-school outings. If your child is NOT enrolled the pooled testing program and a positive pool result is returned then your child will have to quarantine (from school and community) 10 days from the date of the positive pool test.

Sharing of information about your child will only be done for public health purposes and in accordance with applicable law and policies protecting student privacy and the security of your child’s data.

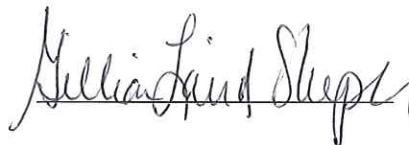
Consent forms must be filled out in order for us to provide the pooled testing program to your child. Consent can be completed online via <https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent/> . It will ask for the school’s access code which is: **WCSUnion122** and your child will be registered immediately. A paper consent can also be filled out and sent back to school.

We are extremely grateful to our committed families and staff who continue to show great flexibility and resilience as we work together to contain the spread of this virus. If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 Pooled Testing Program, please reach out to the school nurse Kylie Haines.

Sincerely,



Karla Michaud, Superintendent



Gillian Laird Sleeper, Principal



Kylie Haines, RN, School Nurse