



# Public Schools of Plainfield New Jersey

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### **Plainfield Public Schools will Partner with New Jersey State's COVID-19 Testing Service To provide FREE testing to Teachers, Students and Staff**

PLAINFIELD, NJ — The Plainfield Public School District announced that the District has joined schools across Union County in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Health and Mirimus, Inc., to offer Plainfield Public School's FREE COVID-19 screening testing for students, teachers, and staff. Parents and/or guardians will not be able to participate in this testing program.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Diana Mitchell, in a letter to parents said the District is committed to providing a safe "in-person" learning environment for students, teachers, and staff. "This can only be achieved if the County, public and private school systems, parents, and students work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools."

The Mirimus, Inc., testing program relies on:

- Mandatory weekly testing of all unvaccinated teachers and staff
- Recommended voluntary random testing of students, teachers, and staff regardless of vaccination status

This method will allow early detection of COVID-19 in pre-symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals. Early detection means more effective risk mitigation strategies preventing the virus from spreading in schools. Preventing school outbreaks is key to ensuring the schools remain open for in-person instruction.

All students, teachers, and staff are highly encouraged to participate in this free, school-based COVID-19 screening testing program, however only unvaccinated teachers and staff are mandated to test under Executive Order 235.

The program will use non-invasive, self-collected saliva samples that are appropriate and painless for all ages. Samples will be processed using accurate and reliable PCR analysis—the gold standard of COVID-19 testing— to identify positive cases.

Parents must complete a consent form and a HIPPA release form for each student in the household. The forms may be submitted online at: <https://hipaa.jotform.com/212774814091053>

Parents should complete the consent form whether they have insurance or not. Once they submit the consent form additional information with more details regarding the testing program will be provided.

Eighty percent (80%) of the District has been vaccinated. All unvaccinated teachers and staff are expected to present a Covid-19 Test or submit to undergoing a weekly test under Governor Murphy's Executive Order 235.

The District expects to begin The Mirimus, Inc., testing program by October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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