



CLOUDCROFT MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Cloudcroft School Community,

Thank you for supporting a safe and healthy return to in-person learning! In an effort to offer additional assurances and comprehensive safety measures, the state will begin a voluntary student surveillance testing program later this month. In a recent school leader meeting, New Mexico Public Education Secretary Stewart noted,

We want to make sure that through our testing program we can get good information about what's happening in schools with the virus and get communication out into the community about how our precautionary measures are working...this is a voluntary student surveillance testing program - it's a service we're putting out to the community. Throughout the pandemic there has been a need and desire to have testing available - we look forward to our partnership with NMDOH to make this service available to our families and school communities.

In preparation for launching this testing program, the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), in partnership with NMPED will provide school training next week. The voluntary student surveillance testing at Cloudcroft Municipal Schools is scheduled to begin the week of April 26, 2021.

School surveillance testing programs test asymptomatic individuals to discover undiagnosed cases and to better understand the rate of infection in the community. All schools are required to have surveillance testing programs. Staff testing is mandatory at 25% in red counties, 12.5% in yellow and green counties, and 5% in turquoise counties. Surveillance testing may be a condition of employment. However, staff who are fully vaccinated need not participate in surveillance testing. Student testing is voluntary for students.

For additional information about student testing, please see the attached flyer.

We thank you for your partnership and support of the students, families, educators, and school staff at Cloudcroft Municipal Schools. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our main office.

Sincerely,

Tana Daugherty
Superintendent – Cloudcroft Municipal Schools