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The Vernon Township School District continues to deliver instruction on a hybrid model with occasional 14-day virtual closures, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to provide you with the most accurate information about any potential exposure to COVID, we are providing **voluntary COVID testing** for all interested faculty, staff, students and immediate family members of students. The COVID testing is only for *asymptomatic* individuals. We will host our first COVID testing date on **Friday, February 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** at VTHS. Faculty and staff and students in school on Friday (Gold team) will be tested (voluntarily) in the PLUS building at VTHS. All other students (virtual or Blue Team), their immediate family members and faculties/staff from other buildings will be able to utilize the drive-up option (voluntarily).

Faculty, staff, and parents of students will have access to a secure link (included in this correspondence). Complete the information included in the link, including choosing your time slot for testing. Registering for testing takes less than ten minutes to complete. Please note that certain time slots have been blocked out to coordinate VTHS dismissal times. There is **no cost for the PCR testing**. Results will be available through a secure link within 2-3 days of testing. *All results are shared only with the person who registered for the testing.* The school district does not have access to any medical information. We are using an independent facility to provide this service for you.

It is our sincere hope that you consider this option. Knowing whether or not you have been exposed to COVID or could potentially be carrying COVID may help to bring our COVID numbers down, thus reducing our exposure rate and allowing us to reopen schools safely.

If you are a VTHS faculty/staff member or a member of the Gold team who will be in school on Friday, February 19, 2021, please use this link to register for testing:

[COVID testing PLUS building](#)

If you are a faculty/staff member (from any other school) or are a member of the Blue team or a Virtual student, or an immediate family member of a student, please use this link:

[COVID testing Drive Up](#)

The weather has provided challenges for us this month. This event is WEATHER PERMITTING. Should we need to cancel due to inclement weather, we will reschedule the COVID testing opportunity for our faculty/staff, students, and immediate family members of students.

Any questions regarding this event, should be directed to swaleck1@vtsd.com. Mr. Waleck, Security Director has the most up to date information regarding the deployment of this large scale COVID testing service for our community.

Sincerely,

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