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## Types of COVID-19 Testing in Monroe County Schools

### **School Surveillance – ANTIGEN**

*Purpose: To monitor for the presence of COVID-19 inside a school.*

- BinaxNOW kits (or other rapid antigen test)
- Unvaccinated students with no symptoms
- Conducted weekly
- Randomly selected, 5-10% of students with consent per week

### **Test to Stay – ANTIGEN**

*Purpose: To allow asymptomatic, unvaccinated students who were exposed to COVID-19 to continue in-person learning while in mandatory quarantine.*

- BinaxNOW kits (or other rapid antigen test).
- Unvaccinated students exposed to COVID-19
- Students have no symptoms
- For 7 days after exposure, tested daily on school days
- Negative test allows them to stay in school during school instruction/academic periods only, but must quarantine at all other times

### **Return-to-School – PCR or ANTIGEN**

*Purpose: To allow students who had symptoms but are feeling better to return to in-person learning.*

- Accula machines OR BinaxNOW kits OR outside testing at MC Fleet Center, health care provider, pharmacy, etc. Home test results are NOT permitted.
- Unvaccinated and vaccinated students with no known exposure to COVID-19
- Had symptoms, but now these symptoms have improved and the student has been fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
- (Testing is not recommended for students who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days. These students can return to school after symptoms improve and the student has been fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.)