Littleton Public Schools

POOLED TESTING UPDATE March 12th, 2021





WE'RE 8 FOR 8!

CRUNCH THESE NUMBERS WHILE WE CONTINUE TO CRUSH THE CURVE!!

- 8 Total number of pooled testing collections to date
- 302 Total number of pools submitted to the Broad Institute
- 2169 Total number of specimens collected

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

If Littleton Public Schools has submitted 302 pools and collected 2169 specimens, what is the average number of specimens in a pool?

HINT:

The answer is more than 5 and less than 10

IT'S FRI-YAY!! ARE YOU IN THE MOOD TO BOOGIE?

Click Here → The Boogie Test

-you may need to download-



Special thanks to Katrina Wilcox Hagberg for turning us all on to this funky new jam!!

WE NEED YOUR NOSES!

(actually we only need what's inside your noses, you can keep your nose)

Increasing participation in the coming weeks is critical in order for our data to be as meaningful as possible. Please consider jumping in the pool!! If your child is hesitant, you are able to fill out a consent in order for your child to try it out and although we certainly want everyone who starts participating to stay in the pool, you are able to withdraw a consent at any time. Please contact us with questions.

Please complete the linked google form to fill out a consent

STUDENT CONSENT: https://forms.gle/Np8JpXsvX9qShsfx9 STAFF CONSENT: https://forms.gle/P9wbS1ft9LeicRwYA

After you submit your consent, you will need to register with Project Beacon (in the event that reflex testing is required)

For Parent/Guardians, please register at

https://app.beacontesting.com/register/with-code?code=LTTLPG and use the invitation code: LTTLPG.

For Staff, please register at

https://app.beacontesting.com/register/with-code?code=LTTLAC and use the invitation code: LTTLAC.

Creating an account/profile:

https://help.beacontesting.com/article/15-how-to-make-an-account

For help: helpabeacontesting.com

or (617) 741-7310

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS....WE HAVE ANSWERS!!



Please reach out to us with any questions!

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IF YOU MISSED THIS WEEK'S VIRTUAL EVENT

You can listen to the recording of the Pooled Testing at Schools: Parent & Guardian Webinar Session held on February 23rd.

Learn more about how pooled testing at schools can help teachers and students get back to in-person learning more safely. This presentation will be followed up by a Q&A session with CEO, Tim Rowe.

LINK: Pooled Testing at Schools: Parent & Guardian Webinar Session 2/23/21

Enter password "MH2U!2jX" to view

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REMINDERS:

- **Please Note:** If your consent was received after 5PM on Thursday, March 11th, you will be added to the list of participants to begin pooled testing starting the week of March 23rd.
- **Communication:** You will receive notification if follow up testing is required as a result of being part of a positive pool or if you have been identified as a close contact through contact tracing. *In addition, correspondence will be sent out if there is a delay in receiving results (if results are not received within the 24-48 hour window)*
- **Updates: District** pooled testing data/results will be shared during the health metrics presentation at the School Committee meeting. We have been conducting pooled testing for 4 weeks and have had ZERO positive pools!
- **Consents:** Jump in the pool! Join the pool party! Consents can be accepted any time. Please note that lists for the following week are updated to add new participants on Thursdays at 5pm.
- **Program Extension:** The MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has extended the date for the early launch of the state pooled testing initiative and will be covering the district's costs for an additional 3 weeks. The original end date was 3/28 and the program will now be extended until 4/18.