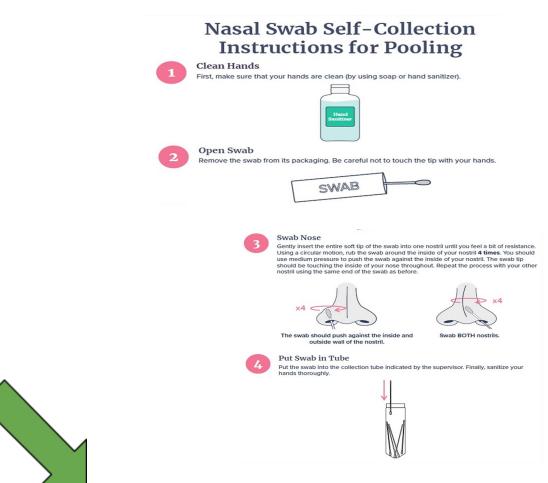
Dear Parents and Guardians of Glenallan ES In-Person Students in Pre-K through 5th grade::

This letter is to inform you that *voluntary COVID-19 pool testing* will begin at our school on Thursday, April 15th. We must all do our part to prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in our schools. This includes participating in school-provided COVID-19 testing to identify cases where the student or staff member may not be showing symptoms. MCPS families were notified about this new effort in February and March. Tests will be provided for all students and staff on a weekly basis. Students will be collecting their own swabs and will follow instructions from health care staff. MCPS health and safety protocols will be maintained during the COVID-19 pool testing Each swab will be placed in a common tube for that classroom or group and sent off to a central testing laboratory. The test detects whether the virus that causes COVID-19 is present in that pooled sample. *No individual identifiers or results will be available.* Schools will receive results within 2-3 days. The school will receive the pooled results and take appropriate action, as necessary in the event of a positive pool result. A consent form is attached to this message. If you do not complete the consent form, your child will not be able to participate in testing.

Please watch this video to learn about MCPS COVID Pool Testing



Glenallan ES - COVID 19 Pooled Testing Consent Form (Consentimiento para Pruebas Colectivas de COVID-19)

Deadline for April 15th Participation - Tuesday, April 13th @ 4:00 PM

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ms. Hefflin