



**LAKE OF THE WOODS**  
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Jeff Nelson, Superintendent

A Message from Lake of the Woods School

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The Lake of the Woods School District takes the health and safety of our students, staff and their families very seriously. As such, in addition to steps to screen for the virus and prevent its spread at school, we are adding a voluntary COVID-19 testing program for students and staff. This program primarily uses CUE tests and, under certain circumstances, the Midwest Coordination Center Pool Test. We will only test with your consent. If you are willing to provide consent for us to administer this test on your child, please fill out this form.

**What are the tests?**

The Cue test is an individual, diagnostic molecular COVID-19 test that uses a nasal swab. Results are available within 20 minutes of processing. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has received a limited supply of Cue tests through a grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human services. These tests have been made available to schools at no cost.

The Pool test is a screening test intended to identify COVID-19 cases in people who are asymptomatic or before people develop symptoms. The pooled testing utilizes a nasal swab. Specimens are pooled into groups of five to 10 test processing. Pools can be assigned at the classroom level and at the staff level. If there is a positive result within the pool, everyone in that pool should isolate until an individual cue test can be completed.

This program is **entirely optional** and is being offered in addition to existing safety protocols such as recommended mask-wearing, social distancing, and frequent disinfection of surfaces.

Please call 218-634-2510 to contact Tierra Shaw at extension 1422 or Dani Koschak at extension 1504 for more information. You may also go to <https://lakeofthewoodsschool.org/> to download testing information and consent forms.