



Hillside Jr/Sr High School

"A Caring Commitment to Learning"

January 11, 2022

Hello to our Hillside Parents/Guardians:

To lower the risk of in-school transmission and provide an additional layer of protection, the Government of Alberta will be supplying rapid tests for home use and masks for students. We have begun to receive medical grade disposable masks and at-home Rapid COVID 19 Test Kits for our Hillside Students and Staff today. We are planning that these kits will be sent home on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 with your child. If you do not want an at-home rapid test kit sent home please email the school at hillside@ngps.ca to let us know.

When you receive your at-home Rapid COVID 19 test kit please keep in mind:

- Store the test kit and all components between 2 and 30°C
- All components are stable until expiry date printed on each pouch when stored correctly
- Keep out of direct sunlight

The recommendation is that students test twice each school week - Sunday/Wednesday or Monday/Thursday. That said, how you choose to implement testing in your home is your decision. A <u>how-to video</u> (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4q7EuAbgE8) for parents and a<u>rapid test program fact sheet</u> (attached) offers tips on how to use the rapid test kits.

The medical grade masks will be distributed to all students who ask for them or require them when they arrive each day for school. It is recommended that students wear these masks at this time, but they can continue to wear different styles provided by the home if that is their preference.

If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mr. Serediak or me at the school 780-524-3277.

Yours truly,

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Mrs. D. Wood Principal

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