



# *Akron Central School District*

*In Pursuit of Excellence*

*Patrick D. McCabe  
Superintendent of Schools*

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Dear Akron Central School District Parents and Guardians:

On September 2, 2021 the New York State Department of Health issued guidelines to schools that included a provision requiring that they establish the capacity or offer screening testing for COVID-19 according to the Commissioner's determination issued pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.62.

To meet this requirement, Akron has partnered with the Erie County Department of Health to offer free Surveillance and Proximal testing for COVID-19 to any individual interested in participating in this program. Participation in this testing program is completely voluntary and is not a requirement for school attendance.

[Please click on this link to learn more about the Surveillance and Proximal testing program.](#)

For children to participate in this testing program, parents/guardians must complete and submit the ECDOH Program Consent form and the Quadrant Program Consent form. The process for registration and links to both of these forms can be found at: <https://www3.erie.gov/covid/covid-19-proximal-testing-and-surveillance-testing-schools>

Upon completion of the registration process, the ECDOH will contact the Akron testing coordinator and make us aware of your child's participation. Parents that have chosen to have their child participate in surveillance and proximal testing will be notified in advance if their child will be part of the testing to be conducted on a given week.

We anticipate that this program will begin in early October. We encourage you to register as soon as possible. That said, we have been informed that this is an open enrollment program and there is no deadline for participation.

If you have any questions, please contact the ECDOH School Team at 716-858-1918.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. McCabe  
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