

SHIELD ILLINOIS- WHAT TO EXPECT?



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This year West Chicago School District 33 has partnered with Shield Illinois for COVID screening testing for our students. Let's keep everyone safe WeGo!

1 TESTING LOCATION

Students will leave their classroom for a brief period of time, averaging about 3-5 minutes, to meet with a Shield representative to receive the testing apparatus.

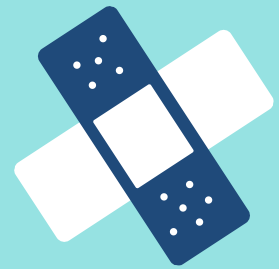


2 THE TEST

The Shield Illinois test is a saliva based test, so that means the students will deposit their drool into a tube with a funnel on top.

3 SPACING & MASKING

Students will receive their test tube after they have sanitized their hands. They will then stand in a designated area, distanced from others. At this time the student will remove their mask to deposit their drool sample.



4 SAMPLE

The test tube itself will need to have enough drool to reach a line on the tube. Some students benefit from tapping on the side of the tube to help move the sample down, as well as thinking of their favorite foods to help increase their saliva secretion.



5 FINISHED TEST

Students will put their masks back on and bring the test to a Shield representative who will get it ready for testing. Students will sanitize their hands again and return to class.

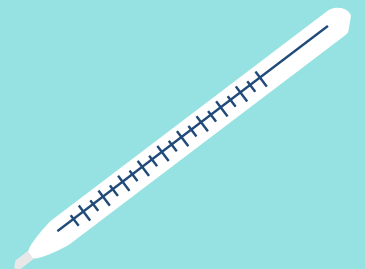


6 ASSISTANCE

If a student needs help with the test, Shield staff will be available to assist them. It's been shared that as students learn how to take the test the length of time decreases and their comfort increases.

7 RESULTS

Shield Illinois screening results should be available next day. Access to a site will be provided to access those records. If your student is positive you will be notified and all COVID quarantine and contact tracing protocols will begin.



8 CONSIDERATIONS

Shield screening is a "time stamp"-- it's not going to catch everything. If days after a negative result, symptoms start showing up, please follow the COVID symptom protocols for the district.

Also this is new, so practicing at home will help increase student's comfort in the test!

