

Good Morning Brooklyn Ascend Middle School families –

In order to protect the health and safety of our entire community upon return, Ascend is once again asking all students and staff to get a COVID-19 test within 48 hours before returning to school in-person on Monday, January 24th. **All students will be asked to present a negative COVID-19 test result the morning they return to school, taken within 48 hours of their first day of school.** All students are slated to return from remote learning on Monday January 24th (If there is a change in return date we will notify families immediately.) **To ensure a smooth arrival process for your student please make sure to follow the steps in this email - a test result submitted via the link below, prior to arrival, or the results in hand will ensure they can go straight to their classroom without disruption.** The operations team and culture team will confirm each student's status during arrival.

Brooklyn Ascend Middle School is asking all students to take a COVID-19 test prior to returning to school in-person. Please see below for COVID-19 testing options, how to report your students results to meet the requirement, and rapid testing consent:

Please note that if your student(s) have tested **positive in the past 90 days, they are exempt from testing.*

- **Option 1:** Take your scholar to a testing site and submit their results once received. Visit [NYC COVID-19 Testing Site Locations](#) to identify a testing site location in your area – please get a rapid test. Please note, many testing site lines have subsided since the beginning of January. Once test results are received from that site please click [submit results](#) to upload your students test!
- **Option 2:** Pick-up an at home rapid test from us and test your student(s) on **Saturday, January 22nd**. Due to the high cases of COVID-19 we are providing an at home rapid test for students to take at home 48 hours before returning to school. Our return date is Monday, January 24th, **your students rapid test should be taken on Saturday, January 22nd**. This is to ensure the safety of our students and staff. BAMS will provide families with at home rapid test kits for their students. You will receive iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests (2 per box) [Instructional Video 1](#) – [Instructional Video 2](#)
- **Reporting Results:** Once the rapid test is completed on Saturday January 22nd please click [submit results](#) to upload your students test! **For rapid tests taken at home – a photo of the results placed on top of the box with student's name label and date on it will be sufficient.*

For families choosing option 2, please follow below the information and schedule on when to pick up your at home Covid-19 Rapid test!

We will distribute student at home tests **Tuesday, January 18th through Thursday, January 20th**. Below is the pick-up schedule for 5th – 8th grade:

Scholar Covid-19 Take Home Rapid Test Pickup		
Date	Time	Grades
Tuesday January 18 th	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	5th and 6th GRADE ONLY (7 th and 8 th grade siblings can pick-up on this date)
Wednesday, January 19 th	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	7th and 8th GRADE ONLY (5 th and 6 th grade siblings can pick-up on this date)
Thursday, January 20 th	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Any remaining families

If you are unable to make these times, email BAMS_ops@ascendlearning.org for an alternate pick-up time

When coming to pick-up a test, you **MUST** adhere to the health & safety guidelines below:

- **WEAR A MASK** to enter the school building. **NO MASK = NO ENTRY.**
- **FORM A LINE OUTSIDE** of our front doors.
- **MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCE WHILE WAITING IN LINE;** remain 6 ft apart.

Friendly Reminders

- Thursday & Friday Scholars will be dismissed at 1PM – Thursday, January 20th and Friday, January 21st
- Please use the survey link to submit Covid-19 test results: [Submit results](#)
- If you take your scholar to be tested please submit results online or send them with the document to be presented in-person at school. They must present this document upon arrival. Please inform your child to hand in results before going upstairs to their classrooms.
- ALL RESULTS MUST BE SUBMITTED HERE: [Submit results](#)

Thank you,

Brooklyn Ascend Middle School

REPORTING COVID-19 RESULTS

Please follow the directions below to report your student's COVID-19 testing results:

- Please click [HERE](#) to submit your student's COVID-19 testing results. Results from the lab or a clear photo of rapid results that show your students name and the date will be sufficient as well
- If your student tests positive for COVID-19, please do not send them to school. The Operations team will follow-up with your student's return-to-school date.

COVID-19 RAPID TESTING CONSENT (nasal swab)

- Please note that any families who are unable to pick up a rapid test next week will be provided a rapid test during arrival on Monday, January 24th.
- Please note, middle school students who arrive on their own to school will be provided materials that they can choose to self-administer before entering the school.
- Families were asked to provide COVID-19 testing consent this fall, and this rapid self-administered test (via nasal swab) will supplement our current testing protocols.
- If you would like to opt out of this process, please email your Operations team at bams_ops@ascendlearning.org by Friday, January 21st.