



Hello Barnum and Moose Lake Staff, Families and Communities:

Below are the details regarding our upcoming COVID-19 saliva testing event with the Minnesota Department of Health. We hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity.

### **Why are we hosting this event?**

This testing event is critical in helping understand how regular school-based testing can give confidence in bringing students back to campus and keeping them there. We are specifically targeting asymptomatic people because epidemiologists indicate that isolating positive COVID-19 carriers that are asymptomatic is vital in mitigating the virus's spread.

### **Details**

On Thursday, December 10, at Barnum High School, 400 saliva testing kits will be available between 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Staff, families and community members from both districts are welcome to be tested at this event. Here's what you need to know:

- MDH recommends testing on a first-come, first-served basis. **No appointments are necessary.**
- Wear a face mask. There will be masks on site for those who do not have one.
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, or chew gum for at least 30 minutes prior to coming.
- Bring your smartphone. There will be a limited number of iPads available for registration.
- You will need a separate, active email address for **every** person tested in your family unit.
- Once you arrive, you will be directed to register using the [COVID.VLT.CO](https://COVID.VLT.CO) web site.

This is our first testing event and we anticipate learning a lot about logistics. We appreciate your grace and feedback to make the system better for the next event on January 5, 2021, at Moose Lake Community School.

Thanks in advance for attending this pilot testing event!

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