

# Next Covid-19 Testing

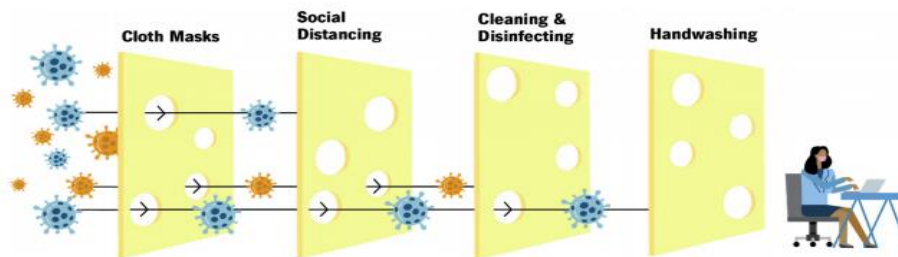
## Tuesday Oct 13th

### 2:00-4:00

Dear MMS Families,

Thank you to all who participated in the initial *Test to Protect* event at Maria Montessori School in September. Those who tested may want to share their impressions with others. We found it to be easy, painless, and most results were sent to individuals well within 24hrs.

As recent events in the news highlight, no one strategy is effective in stopping the spread of this virus; but combined approaches can dramatically reduce the risk. We like considering the Swiss cheese analogy. A single piece has many holes as no one strategy can prevent everything; but when multiple efforts are stacked, the hazards are reduced. Surveillance testing combined with continuing to wear masks, social distancing, staying home with symptoms, cleaning, screening, etc. reduces our risk. *All* these efforts used together help increase the likelihood of an uninterrupted school. Thank you to families for continuing to do your part in and out of school to ensure our success! Your efforts do help!



Our next test event will take place during the school day on October 13th (the Tuesday after break). Students will be accompanied by their teacher to the library area where the staff from *Test to Protect* will collect samples. The cost of a test is \$30.00 for each individual, payable to the school by cash or check. **Please send your payment to the office with the attached form by Friday, Oct 9th** to schedule your child's test. While it is not mandatory to test at every offering, we hope you will participate to have your child tested at intervals that work for your family. Any families who will experience a hardship with this fee may contact Maria directly for assistance.

The program is still allowing parents and families to participate, but please be aware that anyone other than the school's students and staff will be required to self-swab. The staff is happy to talk you through it and collect your sample for pool testing. Individuals not currently attending in person and any parents/family can only be tested from 3:30-4:00 (after carpool) in order to comply with campus Covid-19 safety protocols.

The additional dates for testing are shown in red below. More details about online registration links and where those off-campus should report will be sent out in the next few days. In the meantime, please complete and return the attached form to the school with payment enclosed.

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