



**OAK PARK and  
RIVER FOREST  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Sept. 20, 2021

Dear Students and Families,

I'm pleased to let you know that tomorrow, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, we will begin our weekly COVID-19 testing program with SHIELD Illinois. **Tomorrow we will be testing sophomores**, as noted on the schedule below.

Here are some quick facts:

- SHIELD is a free, noninvasive, saliva-based test created by the University of Illinois, and is an additional strategy in [our multi-layered approach to COVID mitigation](#).
- The test is voluntary and is available to Oak Park and River Forest High School employees and students who have opted in to the program.
- There is no cost to participate.
- For detailed information please see our [FAQ on Saliva Testing, Quarantine, and Isolation](#).

Here is essential information to know as we launch our testing program:

***Where does testing take place?***

All sample collection will take place either in the OPRFHS Auditorium or in the West Gym by workers who are contracted by SHIELD. Unlike last year, we will *not* be asking participants to collect their own samples at home and then drop them off at a dropbox.

***When does testing take place?***

Students do not need an appointment for testing. Students have designated days for testing (see schedule below), and there are two times they can test: at the beginning of their lunch period or immediately after school.

- **No eating or drinking:** Anyone testing should not eat or drink for at least an hour before the test.

- **Lunch periods:** Students should come to the Auditorium at the beginning of their lunch period, as we do have a capacity limit for how many students we can test during lunch. Once we have reached capacity, students will be told they need to return after school.
- **After school:** Students should go to the West Gym in Room 1301 (previously known as the 1 West Gym).

<b>2021-2022 OPRF High School SHIELD Saliva Testing Schedule</b>				
<b>Monday: Grade 9</b>	<b>Tuesday: Grade 10</b>	<b>Wednesday: Grade 11</b>	<b>Thursday: Grade 12</b>	<b>Friday: Employees + Student Makeups</b>
<b>All Lunch Periods Auditorium</b>	<b>All Lunch Periods Auditorium</b>	<b>All Lunch Periods Auditorium</b>	<b>All Lunch Periods Auditorium</b>	<b>All Lunch Periods Auditorium</b>
<b>3:11 - 4:00 p.m.* West Gym (1301)</b>	<b>3:11 - 4:00 p.m.* West Gym (1301)</b>	<b>3:11 - 4:00 p.m.* West Gym (1301)</b>	<b>3:11 - 4:00 p.m.* West Gym (1301)</b>	<b>3:11 - 4:00 p.m.* West Gym (1301)</b>

*\*Students who have early dismissal after seventh period can go to the West Gym for testing at that time.*

***What does my child need to bring to the test?***

Their student ID.

***My child forgot to go at the beginning of lunch. Can they go at the end of the period?***

No. It's essential that persons being tested do not eat or drink for at least an hour prior to testing. You should wait and test after school in the West Gym (Room 1301).

***When will we receive results?***

In this case no news is good news: If the test is negative, you will not receive those results. If the test is positive, SHIELD will automatically send you an email. In addition, a member of the COVID team will call you with next steps. Here is a [quick overview](#) of the isolation process that needs to take place if your child tests positive.

***Where can I get more information about SHIELD?***

The following links have a variety of detailed information from SHIELD Illinois.

- [SHIELD Illinois FAQs](#)
- [SHIELD Information Security and Privacy](#)
- [SHIELD Fact Sheet for Patients](#)

Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep our school community as safe and healthy as possible.

Sincerely,

Greg Johnson, Ph.D.  
Superintendent