



# BYRON CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Good Evening,

I hope all are well while enjoying Spring break. As noted earlier I am sending additional information about area rapid testing sites. Additionally, I have included some recent information regarding state testing for your awareness.

*Taken from Kent County Health Department and Kent ISD communication to schools on 4/6/21:*

New COVID-19 testing sites will open throughout Kent County from Friday, April 9 through Sunday, April 11 for rapid testing in a collaboration between Kent ISD, local school districts and Kent County Health Department. The testing will be free and confidential and results will be quickly texted to those who are tested.

“The number of people testing positive for COVID-19 is on the rise. Kent County is now averaging 203 new cases daily compared with approximately 70 per day one month ago and 115 per day last week,” said Adam London, Administrative Health Officer at Kent County Health Department. “Rapid testing will help prevent the spread of illness, especially following travel and before students return to in-person learning.”

Testing is free and no appointments are necessary. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Test results will be texted to individuals and are completely confidential.

Locations for the testing sites and details regarding pre-registration are below:

· **Friday, April 9, Noon – 7:00 p.m.**

East Kentwood High School

[Pre-register here](#)

6230 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Kentwood, MI 49508

· **Saturday, April 10, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Kent ISD Main Campus, Parking Lot #11

[Pre-register here](#)

2930 Knapp St. NE, Grand Rapids MI, 49525

· **Sunday, April 11, hours vary at three locations**

Kent ISD Main Campus, Parking Lot #11

[Pre-register here](#)

2930 Knapp St. NE, Grand Rapids MI, 49525

- **11:00 am - 6:00 pm**

Grandville High School

[Pre-register here](#)

4700 Canal Ave SW, Grandville, MI 49418

- **9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Sparta High School

[Pre-register here](#)

475 West Spartan Drive, Sparta, MI 49345

- **12:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

## State Testing

On April 5, the Michigan State Superintendent, Michael Rice, received notification from the US Department of Education indicating Michigan's waiver for 2021 state testing has been denied. There were a few reasons for the denial indicated along with a few considerations for testing. The letter also offered MDE an opportunity to revise and resubmit the waiver. Given the state testing timelines, it is doubtful the state will resubmit another waiver. Information can be found on the [MDE Website](#).

We will continue with our plans to assess all BCCS students (including online students) who are expected to take the State Summative Assessments and the End of Year Benchmark Tests. Frankly, there is a lot of testing over the next two months, yet we will do our best to communicate with families and prepare students for the tests.

A couple reminders about next week's tests:

### Tuesday, April 13

- SAT Grade 11
  - 11TH GRADERS MAY LEAVE AFTER TESTS (APPROXIMATELY 1:00)
- PSAT Grades 8,9 and 10
- No School for Seniors: College and Career Preparation and Planning Day
- KCTC students will be excused from attendance
- Online students (grades 8,9,and 10) are requested to attend

- Strict timelines for these tests:
  - Students need to be at school by 7:45
  - Test administration begin at 8
  - Cannot accept late students

#### Wednesday-Friday April 14-16

- Accommodated testing for SAT grade 11 and PSAT grades 8-10
- Make-up Tests for PSAT grade 8 only

#### Thursday, April 15

- ACT WorkKeys grade 11
- Students are expected to be done by lunch
- Strict timelines for this test:
  - Students need to be at school by 7:45
  - Test administration begin at 8
  - Cannot accept late students

Detailed information about state tests can be found in [MDE's Guide to State Assessments](#)

#### **Closing**

In closing, please be reminded to be especially careful and vigilant with the COVID-19 safety protocols the week after Spring Break. I recognize there is a lot of sensitivity out there especially given the timeliness of the recent spike in positive cases and the concern of the potential impact given the number of people traveling over the past week. Nonetheless, I ask for your help so that BCCS continues to be a good steward in helping manage the impact this virus has on the members of our school community. Your continued understanding and response is appreciated. MK

