AACPS Athletics COVID Attestation and Testing Program

FAQs

Updated November 30, 2021
(as this document continues to be updated it will be provided to schools)

1. **Q**: When does this program start?
   **A**: Attestation for coaches is ongoing. Attestation for student-athletes will begin on Monday, November 22, 2021.

2. **Q**: Do all coaches need to attest or submit to weekly testing?
   **A**: Yes, all contracted coaches, including volunteers, need to attest or submit to weekly testing.

3. **Q**: Do all student-athletes need to attest or submit to weekly testing?
   **A**: Yes, all participating student-athletes need to attest or submit to weekly testing.

4. **Q**: What will be needed to login to attest?
   **A**: AACPS username and password.

5. **Q**: When attesting for the first time, if you have had COVID in the last 90 days do you still need to state whether or not you are vaccinated.
   **A**: Yes, you must still be honest on your vaccination status.

6. **Q**: What happens if a student-athlete does not attest?
   **A**: They will be put in the testing program.

7. **Q**: Can you change your attestation status during the season.
   **A**: Yes, you can change it at any time after November 22nd. If you make a change and feel the system has not “caught up” to the change, please inform your administrator.

8. **Q**: What are the current contact tracing procedures for AACPS?
   **A**: Go to this link for the latest updates on AACPS contact tracing: [https://www.aacps.org/contacttracing](https://www.aacps.org/contacttracing)

9. **Q**: Will coaches maintain lists of who is/is not vaccinated and or who needs to test?
   **A**: No, that information will be provided to and managed by administration and ADs. Coaches will be told when a student-athlete cannot participate.

10. **Q**: How will schools be informed about which coaches and student-athletes either did not test or tested positive?
    **A**: A list will be provided to each school’s administration weekly through email. This may evolve into a dashboard. Assistant Principals over Athletics are the contact person for this information.

11. **Q**: On what days and times will tests be given at school sites?
    **A**: The initial schedule is for all school site testing to be on Wednesdays and Fridays, with varying times throughout the school day depending on the site. All high schools are all slated to have testing times on Fridays.
12. Q: What happens while the school awaits test results?
A: Student-athletes and coaches can continue as per normal until such a time as a test result comes back positive or it is confirmed that someone missed their testing time and did not provide an outside test result. School administration will communicate those cases to ADs.

13. Q: Can a parent/guardian be present during the testing of a student athlete?
A: Yes, parents/guardians can be present if desired for testing.

14. Q: Will outside tests be allowed?
A: Yes, people can opt to be tested on their own time and provide the testing and information to the school during the 72 hours leading up to their assigned test date. Important note: Results obtained from home rapid tests cannot be accepted.

15. Q: How will someone upload results from an outside test?
A: Through the same portal they registered with Capital Diagnostic. Details will be forthcoming.

16. Q: If an unvaccinated person had COVID within the past 90 days, will they have to partake in the testing program during those 90 days?
A: Anyone with a positive test will be excluded from testing for 90 days from the date of the positive test. Students/families need to upload a positive test result in the portal so that staff can track their testing exemption date. This is done via the “Submit External Test Result” link.

17. Q: What happens if someone misses their testing date?
A: Two possible outcomes
   1. They can opt to get a test on their own during the 72 hours leading up to the assigned testing date and provide information to the school.
   2. They must sit out of all team activities (practice and games) while their situation is evaluated and resolved. Depending on the situation, there may be athletic consequences/penalties.

18. Q: What happens if school is not in session on a day someone is supposed to test (holiday break, snow, etc)?
A: We will use the results of the previous week.

19. Q: If I choose to use outside testing for the whole season, do I still need to register with Capital Diagnostic for AACPS testing?
A: No. You will be tracked separately at the school level as someone who is doing weekly testing on their own.

20. Q: Can a staff member or student-athlete who is not able to attend the testing session at their school attend one at a different AACPS school if it is more accessible to them?
A: We intend to allow this. Additional details will be forthcoming.
21. **Q:** What happens if someone has found to have not been truthful on their attestation?
   **A:** Staff and student-athletes in this situation will be subject to progressive discipline.

22. **Q:** Who do schools contact for questions about this program?
   **A:** Send questions to Clayton Culp, Coordinator of Athletics. Depending on the type/nature of your question it may be forwarded to and addressed by one of our team members - Kristy Chewning, Kathleen Kelly, Bob Mosier, Mamie and Carl Perkins, Jim Foran, Kate Gilbert, and others.
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TIMELINE and ROLES

Updated November 15, 2021
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TIMELINE

• 11/10 – ADs and coaches will be updated on program details at the November AD and Winter Coaches Kickoff Meeting.

• 11/16 – Letter to families of all high school students, news release from AACPS Communications Office. The news release will address upcoming attestation requirement for winter athletes and subsequent weekly testing requirements for those who are unvaccinated/do not wish to disclose.

• 11/18-20– Team rosters will be created on a standard Google Form by all head coaches. These rosters will include team managers. Those rosters will be sent to ADs, who will then compile them into one large roster for their program. These rosters will be sent to Clayton Culp by Monday, November 22, at noon. Clayton will share them with the project team and vendor. Note: These rosters will always be fluid, given the nature of Athletics. Changes will be communicated from the school to Clayton as they occur. The Office of Athletics will provide a standard Google sheet for this purpose that will include: School, Sport, Last Name, First Name, Birthdate, and Student ID number

• 11/22 – Attestation officially begins for student-athletes. Communication to all winter athletes will go out (FamilyID and other messaging) notifying them to complete their attestation and, if not vaccinated/not disclosing, register with the testing vendor.

• Week of 11/29 – Testing anticipated to begin this week (likely Wednesdays and/or Fridays).

ROLES

• Capital Diagnostic
  Provide testing status/results to school administration and families.

• Central Office
  Communicate with the vendor and schools to set up and monitor logistics for the program; provide administration with their weekly list (may become a dashboard); field questions, provide support, and make program adjustments as needed. Provide information to schools.

• A Ps/Administration
  Be in receipt of weekly lists of those who either did not test or tested positive and communicate accordingly. Review outside testing information for those who do not test with our vendor.

• ADs
  Create whole program rosters with Student IDs and update as needed. Communicate with Office of Athletics and administration.

• Coaches
  Submit accurate roster records when requested, communicate with ADs/admin, and communicate with student-athletes/families. Keep daily attendance records for all practices and games, to include team managers.

• Student-athletes/families
  On November 22nd (or once you made a team) complete attestation process and submit to weekly testing program if unvaccinated or not willing to share vaccination status. If you attest you are vaccinated, your involvement ends.