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Dear Jackson Families,

I hope you are all doing well. I wanted to provide a list of resources for those that you may find helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions about your child's health. You can reach me by email at jstrube@philasd.org.

If you or your child does not have health insurance, and you are feeling sick and think you may have COVID-19, call 1-800-722-7112. It is the Philadelphia COVID hotline. A registered nurse will talk with you and perform a health screening over the phone to see if you should stay home or go to the hospital. As a general rule of thumb, if your symptoms are mild, then you should stay home and recover (though you should still call your doctor for guidance, or call the hotline number above). If they become severe, for example, if you have any trouble breathing, you should call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. If you or your child do have insurance, you should call your doctor/pediatrician and follow their advice.

Free testing sites- It seems the best options right now as far as testing sites that are free and the closest to Jackson is:

1. Penn Medicine at 4122 Market St. Testing hours are **Mon- Fri** 10am-4pm. It is a drive thru site, so you must have a car. <https://www.pennmedicine.org/coronavirus/drive-thru-testing-sites>
2. Drexel- Stephen and Sandra Sheller 11th Street Family Health Services at 850 N. 11th St, Phila, 19123. Testing hours are only Tuesdays, 8:30am-4:30pm. They have walk-in and drive thru available. <https://drexel.edu/cnhp/practices/11th-street/>
3. RiteAid (4 testing sites in Phila)- see website for details- <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing>

As always, the Health Center 2 at 1700 S. Broad St, #201 is open. They do not currently have testing available, but you can call them to talk to a nurse or doctor to give advice regarding COVID-19 over the phone. The contact is 215-685-1803. They are available for any adult or child with or without insurance.

The last resource I want to share is that there is a one-time grant called **Emergency Assistance Benefits** through PA state that is available to apply for, for those who have lost income. It offers assistance between \$400-1200 if you qualify. You can call 1-833-373-5868 for more information, but it looks like it's easier to apply online due to high wait times. Here is the link: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/COMPASS.Web/AFS/EmergencyCashAssistance>

Please reach out to me if you have any questions,

I miss you Jackson family!

Stay safe,
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