

# Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*

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**Welcome back Cohorts A, B, and C!**

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## **Pool Testing FAQs**

You may have started to hear about the new classroom COVID-19 tests known as “pool testing.” Haverhill is participating in a pilot program to bring pool testing into schools for Cohorts A, B, and C. Two permission slips (one for group testing, one for individual testing) have been emailed to you and will be sent home when students return to school.

### What is pool testing?

Pool testing is a way to test a group of people at the same time. That group is known as a “pool.” At Nettle, there will be one or two pools per classroom.

### How long will it take to get results?

Results from the pool come back in 2-5 days.

### What if the pool comes back positive?

If the pool comes back positive then each person in the pool needs to take an individual test. We have these tests available at school and results come back in **20 minutes!** A positive pool does not mean that the class is put into quarantine for two weeks, we just need to follow up with individual tests.

### What if my student gets a positive individual test?

If your student’s individual test comes back positive your household should begin quarantine immediately, get tested, and follow all guidelines from the CDC and Department of Public Health.

### Why should we do this? Is it mandatory?

We want students in school as much as possible. While it is not mandatory for your student to participate, routine testing is an important tool for getting kids back in school.

The plan is to have Cohorts A and C test on **Tuesdays**; Cohort B and staff test on **Thursdays**. You will only be notified of the results if the pool comes back *positive*.

## From the PTO

The next PTO meeting will be on February 25th **at 6pm**. If you would like the link to join, please email [mjoubert@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:mjoubert@haverhill-ps.org).

Connect with us through the Nettle PTO facebook page!



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## Masks for sale!



Nettle masks are for sale in the office. Families can stop by during school hours or students can get them from the office during lunch/recess. \$10 for one mask, \$18 for two masks. Proceeds go to the Nettle PTO! Get yours while supplies last!