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Additional COVID-19 Testing Opportunity:

With the holiday season upon us, the Binghamton City School District is striving to make COVID-19 testing even more convenient and accessible for students and their families. In addition to the regular satellite testing that's taking place in our buildings, **BCSD students can be tested at the East and West middle school field houses on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, December 2.**

These testing locations will administer the same rapid test that's being utilized in our schools, and there is no cost to be tested. Students do not need to have symptoms in order to be tested; they do need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please note that it is **not** necessary for parents to consent to regular, in-school testing in order to have their child visit this location. They are welcome to have their child tested at this site on a one-time basis. We encourage our families to take advantage of this opportunity as an additional way to ensure their child's health, and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Early Dismissal Drill; Thanksgiving Break:

There will be an early dismissal drill on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Elementary schools will dismiss at 1:25 p.m., middle schools will dismiss at 2:45 p.m., and Binghamton High School will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. Schools will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 25, reopening on Monday, Nov. 30. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Meal Distribution for Week of 11/23:

Due to the Thanksgiving break, 100 percent remote students can pick up their five days of meals on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at the following times and locations:

Elementary and middle schools: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Binghamton High School: 9:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Roosevelt, Franklin, and Wilson – 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

BHS Community Dinner:

Binghamton High School will provide Thanksgiving dinners to the community for the 25th year in a row. While the traditional meal that BHS normally hosts will not be possible due to COVID-19, volunteers will serve approximately 500 cold to-go meals on Thanksgiving Day. For more information, visit the district's [website](#).

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