Frequently Asked Questions Regarding COVID Surveillance Screening

I do not feel sick, why would I get screened?

COVID-19 can be carried and transmitted by asymptomatic carriers (those with no outward symptoms of the illness) and the screening will be another tool the District can use to ensure we are providing a safe working and learning environment.

Why Is This Screening Just Now Being Offered?

The District was able to obtain a grant to secure this screening following Thanksgiving Break.

When will I get the results from my screening?

The District will be working actively with Darwin Labs to obtain results the same day as screening and MPS Human Resources will communicate those results to staff. The Human Resources Department will communicate with staff who are positive with required next steps.

What if I get a positive result from the screening?

This screening is to help identify those staff that will need to take a full test. If you receive a positive result from the screening, the District will provide you with a voucher to take a rapid COVID test from Total Wellness.

Do I have to pay for the COVID test?

No. If you are directed to test, the District provides a voucher for Total Wellness and will not cost the employee. If the employee elects to test at a different location, the employee is responsible for any expense with alternate test providers.

I received a positive test from Total Wellness (or other FDA approved test). When can I return to work?

If the result from the Total Wellness test (or other FDA approved test) is positive - then you will be required to isolate for 10-days from the date you received the test result. If the result is negative, you can return to your building and are not required to quarantine.

If I am required to quarantine, is this paid time?

Yes - this would qualify for Emergency Paid Sick Leave.

What if I already have tested positive for COVID - should I get screened?

You should only screen if it has been more than 90-days since your positive diagnosis.