

Carlinville Community Unit School District # 1

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Carlinville Unit District #1 School Throat Culture Policy

The Carlinville School District offers overnight strep throat cultures to the students and staff of the District at no cost. The throat culture testing supplies overnight lab incubation, and readings are provided by the Carlinville Area Hospital as a service to the Carlinville School District students.

Parents must sign permission forms each academic year in order for their children to participate in the program.

If a throat culture test is positive, indicating the presence of strep bacteria, the student's parent and family physician are informed. Test results are obtained at approximately 7:30 a.m. on the day following the culture. The parent is advised to keep the child home from school until they receive further instruction from the family physician regarding the child's return to school. School-aged siblings or school-age household contacts will no longer be cultured, unless the parent requests a throat culture and/or they have symptoms of a throat infection (i.e. sore throat for more than 24 hours, fever, & persistent cough). The family physician is the only authority that makes the determination on the medical management. The Carlinville School District has only the incubated throat culture test for strep bacteria, not the rapid strep test.

Parents are advised to contact their child's school nurse for more information.

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"Believing that a quality public education system benefits the entire community, the mission of Carlinville CUSD#1 is to provide students safe educational opportunities to reach their fullest potential as a contributing member of an ever-changing society."