COVID-19 TESTING AT-A-GLANCE

This document is intended to outline the different testing types that are available in our schools. Schools will deploy these tools based on specific protocols provided by the Agency of Education and Department of Health. More information about how and when each tool should be used is available on the Agency of Education’s website.

TEST TYPE #1
TEST TO STAY

Symptomatic Student

The symptomatic student will be given an antigen test.

Did the antigen test come back positive?

Yes

The student will be sent home and class will finish their full day as normal. The next day, close contact, unvaccinated students and staff will start antigen testing for seven days.

No

The student will be sent home to take a PCR test. Class continues to operate normally.

The symptomatic student's PCR test comes back.

Positive

The class will finish their full day as normal. The next day, close contact, unvaccinated students and staff will start antigen testing for seven days from last exposure.

Negative

Class continues to operate normally.
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TEST TYPE #2
IN SCHOOL PCR TESTING
Schools may administer in-school PCR response tests. These tests are intended for any of the following scenarios:
- testing symptomatic students/staff after a negative antigen test or in the absence of an antigen test.
- testing a large number of students or staff members out of quarantine.
- testing vaccinated close contacts of COVID-19 cases between days 3 and 5 after exposure.

TEST TYPE #3
TAKE HOME PCR TESTING
These test kits are intended for a broad range of uses, including members of the public, symptomatic students who need to stay home, and their families. Recommended uses include:
- symptomatic students/staff.
- close contacts of COVID-19 cases.
- any member of the school community or their family who needs a test.

TEST TYPE #4
SURVEILLANCE TESTING
Weekly surveillance testing is intended for:
- vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals
- age 5 and older
- asymptomatic students/staff

TYPE #5
OPT-OUT OF TESTING
If an unvaccinated student or staff member has been identified as a close contact chooses not to participate in testing, they will have to quarantine for 14 days.