

COVID-19 ANTIGEN TESTING AT RCS#137



COVID-19 Antigen BinaxNOW Card Testing is now being offered in school

THINGS TO KNOW UPDATED 2.20.21

PURPOSE FOR ADMINISTERING THE TEST: COVID testing is being offered to current RCS #137 students and staff. The testing is now being offered at no cost to reduce the transmission of SARS-Cov-2 virus within the school.

WHO CAN RECEIVE THE TEST?: Currently enrolled RCS#137 students and staff members who have a signed consent form. This includes LEARN and BlendEd Academy students.

WHAT QUALIFIES AN INDIVIDUAL TO TAKE THE TEST?:

- **Symptomatic Testing:** Enrolled students both BlendEd, and staff who present to school with symptoms will be referred for testing.

Confirmed close contacts to students/staff members will be referred for testing if they so choose. Students or staff members in a district facility and exposed to an individual with confirmed COVID-19 at a distance of less than 6ft for more than 15 minutes in a given day.

LEARN Academy (at-home) students with symptoms can be tested in the drive-thru testing center at the school the student is enrolled in. By appointment only.

- **Asymptomatic (No Symptoms) Testing:** Only recommended when an outbreak is declared to identify additional positives due to widespread exposure.
 - Students:
 - Students are not allowed to return to school early from a close contact situation. Students can be tested so parents and the school know of COVID status but close contacts still quarantine for 10 days.
 - Staff:
 - Staff are allowed to return early from quarantine on day 8 if tested on day 7 or later. Staff can request testing at any time during quarantine, although not recommended until at least day 5.

WHERE CAN I TAKE THE TEST?: This will be offered to students and staff at the school they are currently enrolled and employed.

- BlendEd students and /or staff members will be tested in the designated waiting room area in each school, if it is the day of students attendance and the student is already at school.
- BlendEd and LEARN (at home) students not in school that day, will be tested in a drive-thru location at the school they are currently enrolled in.
- Student/Staff members being tested in the drive-thru location at your assigned school will remain in the car masked. The Nurse/Healthcare Clerk and or Administrator will come to the car and perform the test.

WHO WILL ADMINISTER THE TEST?: School nurses, medically trained staff and Administration will conduct the test, interpret the results, and provide the results to the tested individual.

WHEN WILL TESTING BE OFFERED?: At each school testing will be Tuesday-Friday 8-11am. BlendEd students and staff already at school that day can be tested immediately. BlendEd students not at school and LEARN (at home)

Academy students must schedule an appointment at the enrolled school between the hours of 8-11 am Tuesday-Friday by calling the office.

HOW WILL I BE TESTED?:

- Symptomatic students and staff already present in school will be tested immediately if consent is on file and parents will also be contacted prior to the test being administered.
- If no consent is on file at school, one will need to be completed and then testing can occur.
- For LEARN (at-home) Academy students who have a scheduled appointment, testing will be administered in a drive-thru setting at their assigned school.

WHAT IS THE TESTING LIKE? The test will be conducted by collecting a nasal swab.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TESTING?: Enrolled BlendEd students will be required to have a consent form on file and signed by parent/guardian prior to testing. It is faster and safer if the consent form is already on file so testing can occur immediately. Even when the consent form is on file, a contact will be made to let the parent know the child will be tested and to come pick the child up and household members immediately. Staff will be required to complete a signed consent form prior to testing.

Household members (students) who attend RCS#137 who are deemed close contact to a positive case can call to set up an appointment for drive-thru by testing.

LEARN (at-home) Academy students must have a parent/guardian complete a consent form sent to the school in advance or provide at the time of the drive thru testing.

HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT THE RESULTS AND FOLLOW UP?: Results are interpreted within 15 minutes. Parents will be notified of results by phone and of any required next steps that may be needed based on results and IDPH/ISBE guidelines. The test results will be reported to the local C-U public department reporting system and the RedCap reporting system. Results will NOT be reported to the Student's pediatrician and or employee's physician.

MAY I DECLINE TO HAVE THE TEST?: Yes, you may decline testing. However, if you are symptomatic or a close contact, outside testing, doctor note, negative test for the symptomatic student/staff member and or quarantine will be required per IDPH/ISBE guidelines.

Close contact students are required to quarantine for 10 days per IDPH/ISBE guidelines and be symptom free prior to returning.

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WHO COVERS THE COST OF THE TEST?: The test is free to currently enrolled students and staff members. The cost for fees associated with testing is covered by the District.

WHAT DO I DO IF MY CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS BEFORE THE SCHOOL DAY?: If your student is symptomatic and or a close contact prior to the school day. Please keep your student home and contact the school nurse regarding concerns.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE DAILY?: All students and staff should wear a mask daily, Social distance at least 6 feet, perform a daily symptom screening and temperature check. If symptomatic, fever and or exposure MUST stay home.