

Fact Sheet

COVID-19 Testing

1. WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR TESTING?
 - a. Every student enrolled in CSDS who exhibits symptoms for COVID-19 during the school day.
2. WHAT IS THE COST TO STUDENTS FOR THE TESTS?
 - a. There is no cost for any student who shows symptoms of COVID-19.
3. DOES THE STUDENT OR HIS/HER FAMILY HAVE TO SIGN A CONSENT FORM?
 - a. Yes, a consent form must be signed before a test will be given. The consent form is attached. A test will not be done without written consent.
4. WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR ADMINISTERING THE TEST?
 - a. District nurses will offer tests to students who present with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day. After a consent form is submitted, a specially trained nurse will give the test in the student's school building. The nurse will collect a nasal swab from the student and submit that swab for testing. Once a student is given a test, the student and others that live in his or her home should remain quarantined until the results are available.
5. WHO WILL ANALYZE THE TEST?
 - a. Quest Diagnostics will be analyzing the results.
6. HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO RECEIVE TEST RESULTS?
 - a. Quest Diagnostics has agreed to make its best efforts to provide results within 48 hours from the time the swab reaches its facility. Sometimes it may take longer to receive results, such as if there is a shortage of reagent or there is an increased number of tests that come in over a short time period.
7. WHAT TEST WILL BE DONE?
 - a. Quest Diagnostics will be using Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing. This PCR test is >90% sensitive (meaning it will only miss <10% of infections) and >90% specific (meaning very little cross reactivity with other COVID strains so <10% false positive). This test is used at many medical facilities and pharmacies.
8. TO WHOM WILL THE RESULTS BE REPORTED?
 - a. Test results will be reported immediately to the student. Families will have the option to sign up for MyQuest, a secure online portal or app that provides test results as soon as they are available. The school physician and nurse will also be notified positive result, as well as the Department of Health and other necessary governmental entities.

9. HOW IS THIS TESTING CUTTING EDGE OR OTHERWISE DIFFERENT THAN TESTING OFFERED ELSEWHERE?

- a. CDS D students will be offered immediate testing upon the onset of symptoms and have been promised a rapid turn-around in test results. CDS D is only the second public school district in the nation for which Quest Diagnostic is making this testing procedure available. The test being used is both sensitive and specific, providing reliable results.

10. HOW WILL THE TESTING PROCEDURE BENEFIT CDS D AS A WHOLE?

- a. This testing will not only allow symptomatic students to rapidly receive COVID-19 test results, it will also allow the District to maintain a handle on the transmission rates in our schools. The District can begin contact tracing even before the student leaves the nurse's office by recording exposures that happened in the school setting up to 48 hours prior to the student developing symptoms. Those exposures can be notified as soon as a positive test result is available. This will allow for more timely notification of exposures to cut down on spread. The goal is to quarantine any individuals who may have been exposed before they develop symptoms in order to reduce the risk of spread. Asymptomatic spread is rare when masks are worn consistently, and good hand hygiene is practiced because viral loads are not high. This is simply another measure the District is putting in place to mitigate an outbreak in our buildings and to keep our kids safely in school full-time.