

K-12 COVID-19 Screening Program

K-12 students can sign up to get free weekly COVID-19, PCR tests through their school during the 2021-2022 school year. The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has contracted with OHSU to provide these tests to participating K-12 schools in Oregon.



WHY SHOULD I SIGN UP MY CHILD FOR WEEKLY COVID TESTS?

Regular testing helps us stop the spread of COVID-19 and:

- Keeps our schools open for in-person learning
- Helps us detect COVID cases early, so we can stop an outbreak before it happens
- Gives you peace of mind knowing whether your child has COVID
- Prevents a sick child from unknowingly spreading COVID to loved ones.

WHAT ARE THE COVID-19, PCR TESTS LIKE?

- The tests are quick and painless. All we need is a sample of your child's spit (saliva).
- Your school will collect the spit at school, or they will ask you to collect it at home.
- If they ask you to collect it at home, they will give you a collection kit.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SIGN UP MY CHILD FOR WEEKLY COVID TESTING?

- Your school will give you all the information and materials you need.
- This includes a collection kit with instructions on how to collect the spit sample and where to turn it in.

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE I SEND THE SPIT SAMPLE BACK TO THE SCHOOL?

- OHSU will collect the samples from your school.
- After the lab gets the sample, they will send you a secure email with the test results within 24 hours.
- If your child's test results come back as unknown or as having COVID-19, you will also get a call from a nurse from OHSU's COVID hotline.

HOW MANY TIMES CAN I GET MY CHILD TESTED?

- Your child can get tested every week on your school's collection day.
- Your school will give you more testing kits as you need them.

WHAT IF I NO LONGER WANT MY CHILD TO BE TESTED?

If you change your mind, just let your school's testing coordinator know that you no longer want to be part of the program.

WILL MY CHILD'S INFORMATION BE KEPT PRIVATE?

- We will never share your child's information or COVID status with anyone other than public health officials.
- OHSU will not share test results with your school.

HOW DO I SIGN UP MY CHILD FOR WEEKLY COVID TESTING?

Just follow your school's sign up instructions, fill out these 2 forms and return them to your school:

1. OHA consent form
2. OHSU authorization form
 - **For students up to age 17:** Parent/guardian must fill out the form.
 - **For students age 18+:** Student must fill out the form.

If you have questions or need help to complete the forms, call OHSU at 833-376-1027, 8 a.m to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.