

Frequently Asked Questions

TEST DETAILS

- **What type of test is being offered?**

Several brands of at-home/over-the-counter tests will be provided. All are approved by the FDA under Emergency Use Authorization as rapid antigen tests with results in under 30 minutes.

- **Who performs the tests?**

The tests are completed at home by students (or by legal guardians on the students).

- **The box contains two tests. Should the testing be done on the same day?**

No. The tests should be 1-3 days apart as per the manufacturer's instructions for use. If someone develops symptoms of COVID-19, they can also use the tests at a different time. Please see below for more guidance.

RESULTS REPORTING

Note: Reporting is highly recommended, especially for positive results.

- **How can students report their results?**

We STRONGLY encourage individuals to report their results on Primary.Health, which is an online platform that allows individuals to securely consent to testing and report their results automatically to state and local health jurisdictions (including photos of test results).

- **Can schools track the at-home test results?**

Yes – ESUSD is you complete a Google Form and authorized school personnel can track their students' results.

- **Is ESUSD responsible for tracking down results from all tests done?**

ESUSD will be required to report the number of tests received, number of tests used, and number of positive cases to CDPH. We ask that you do your best to ensure that positive results are reported and those individuals isolate in accordance with [CDPH guidance](#).

GUIDANCE

At-Home Testing is OPTIONAL. There is no state-wide mandate or requirement that students have a documented negative at-home test prior to returning to school.

- **When should students test?**

If students receive tests during the first weeks of school:

Students should test immediately and then again in 1-3 days per the manufacturer's instructions for use.

Students should test if they have symptoms of COVID-19 or were exposed to COVID-19 (see below).

For students who are well and have no COVID-19 exposures:

- Student tests **negative** for COVID-19?
A student who feels well and has no [COVID-19 symptoms](#) can return to school.
- Student tests **positive** for COVID-19?
Stay home from school and contact your doctor and your school right away. The school should be sure to contact the local health department.
- Student's parent is not sure about the test results?
Retest at a school-based or community testing site.
- **What if a student has [COVID-19 symptoms when school reopens after break](#)?**

The student can use their at-home test.

- If they test positive: They should inform their doctor to make a plan for care. They should isolate at home for 10 days from symptom onset. Please ensure that you notify the school of the positive result.
- If they test negative: They should arrange for a second test (such as an approved PCR test). They should isolate until the second test result is negative and notify the school of the illness.
- **What if a student is fully vaccinated and was exposed to someone with COVID-19?**
Quarantine is not necessary, but they should be tested as soon as possible after they know about the exposure and 5-7 days after the exposure. If COVID-19 symptoms develop, they should be tested as soon as possible.

- **Can a positive at-home test be used as evidence of infection (for excuse from testing for 90 days)?**

Unless specified by your local health department, if a positive test is properly logged and photographed in Primary.Health, it can be used for that purpose.