



## School Testing Program

### Parents/Guardians

### Frequently Asked Questions

**What types of tests are being offered at school?**

As part of our in-school rapid testing program, students and staff members will be given Quidel's rapid antigen COVID-19 test, which will provide results within 10 minutes. This is a nasal swab testing procedure that has been authorized by the FDA under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for use by authorized laboratories for the detection of proteins from SARS-CoV-2, but not for any other viruses or pathogens. If the result of a child or staff member's rapid test comes back positive, a follow-up PCR test — requiring a shallow nasal swab — will be given immediately and the sample sent to a lab for analysis.

**Do we have to pay for this testing?**

No, parents do not have to pay for the tests. This program is offered by your school and no payment insurance information is required. It's completely free of charge and will help students and staff return to school in a safe way.

**How often will my child be tested?**

The frequency of student and staff testing will be determined by the school. While our top priority is keeping students and staff members safe and preventing COVID-19 outbreaks — which we know can be supported by frequent testing — we assure parents that we will also take care not to test students unnecessarily, in order to maintain as normal a school-day routine as possible. Please contact your school administrator for more information

**Who will administer the test?**

Quidel will provide qualified health care professionals to administer the rapid test, read results, and report to the parents. Quidel will also ensure that caring staff members — who are specially prepared to work with children of all ages — are available to assist with sample collection. In addition, these professionals will send samples of a follow-up PCR test to a laboratory if the rapid test comes back positive. Designated School Staff Members will also be present to oversee the sample collection process.

**What is serial testing?**

Serial testing is when a single person is tested for COVID-19 more than once within a short period of time or repeatedly on a frequent basis. Because the amount of antigen in your sample may change over time and false results may occur, repeated testing may identify more individuals with COVID-19 infection than a single test. By repeating testing, it may be possible to identify cases of COVID-19 infection and reduce spread of infection more quickly.

The current CDC guidelines for K-12 School testing indicate that that students and staff should be screened once weekly. You can learn more about this guidance [here](#). When testing at this regular interval, the QuickVue® SARS Antigen test will be able to quickly identify cases of COVID-19 infection and reduce spread of infection.

**How do I register?**

Please contact your school administrator for more information on registration. Each school district has a specific registration link that will be shared with all parents/guardians to register a QR code can be found at designated locations around the school.

**Do I have to register more than once?**

No. Once a parent/guardian signs the authorization form for our in-school COVID-19 testing program, that permission will be valid through the 2021-2022 school year.

**How do I get results?**

All results will be sent directly to the email and/or phone contact information that was provided upon registration to the program. School Staff will also be informed of the testing results and may contact the parents as a part of their procedure for any reason necessary.

**What do you do with student information shared with you?**

The information is shared with the school district and local health departments for reporting purposes. It will also be shared with the team who is overseeing the testing at your school.

**When do I give consent for my child to participate in testing?**

Consent is given during the electronic registration process through a link that is distributed to parents/guardians by their child's school. If you would like to have a copy of the consent, you can access it on your school portal. We recommend signing consent during registration. Parents/Guardians do have the option to revoke their consent to the program at any time.

**Can my child consent on their own behalf?**

In Delaware, the age of consent for medical testing is 18 years old. If the student is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the consent form on the students' behalf. If the student is 18 years or older, they can consent for themselves.

**What happens if my child tests positive?**

If your child tests positive, the protocols are determined by the school and/or school district in which they attend. In addition, a follow up PCR test- requiring a shallow nasal swab- will be taken and the sample will be sent to a lab for analysis. Coordination of sending those results is determined by the States Division of Public Health and they will provide additional information and best practices for having other members of your household tested.

**Who do I contact if I have questions?**

Please contact school nurse or school administrator for any questions regarding your local School Testing Program. Or refer to [dhsscovidsschooltesting.com](https://dhsscovidsschooltesting.com) for more information.

**With a vaccine available and so many people vaccinated, why is testing so important?**

Even though COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at preventing disease, many children in Delaware early-learning facilities remain unvaccinated either by choice or because they are not yet eligible to receive the vaccines currently available. Regular testing is one of the best ways to quickly identify COVID-19 cases and 1) allow an individual with COVID-19 to stay on top of symptoms and seek medical help as needed and 2) prevent outbreaks of the virus.

**Who is Quidel?**

The Quidel Corporation is a California-based leading diagnostic health care manufacturer serving to enhance the health and well-being of people around the globe through the development of diagnostic solutions that can lead to improved patient outcomes and provide economic benefits to the health care system. Quidel developed its

QuickVue antigen test to provide accurate, reliable results for the testing of individuals suspected of having COVID-19 in near-patient testing environments.

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