

# Where Can I Get Tested for COVID-19?

## MCPASD Free COVID-19 Testing Site Information:

The district is offering free and convenient drive through COVID-19 testing options for students, students' household members (household members can only be tested if the student is present and getting tested at the same time), and staff members (this does not include household members of staff at this time) at any of the following locations:

### > West Middleton Elementary School

- Located in the parking lot of 7627 West Mineral Point Road, Verona, WI 53593
- **Open Monday through Friday from 3pm - 7pm**

### > Clark Street Community School

- Located in the parking lot of 2429 Clark Street, Middleton, WI 53562
- **Open Monday-Friday from 6:30am-2:30pm**

### > Park Elementary School

- Located in the parking lot of 1209 Park Street, Cross Plains, WI 53528
- **Open Monday-Friday from 10am - 2pm**

MCPASD has partnered with Accelerated Laboratories to offer free Antigen and PCR COVID-19 testing. The testing will consist of one nasal swab that will be used to run both a rapid Antigen and PCR test. Both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals can get tested. You do not need to be identified as a close contact or have symptoms to get tested.

An **antigen test** is not used to diagnose COVID-19, but rather is used as a rapid screening tool to identify whether someone is currently at risk of spreading the disease to others. Antigen tests have not yet proven to be highly accurate, which is why **PCR tests** are being used to diagnose COVID-19. The test uses a technology called PCR (polymerase chain reaction), which greatly amplifies the viral genetic material if it is present making it more accurate in detecting an active infection. PCR tests take on average 24-48 hours to complete.

Prior to going to a MCPASD testing location, a consent form for each individual under the age of 18 getting tested needs to be on file with the district.

## MCPASD COVID-19 testing Consent Form:

Anyone under the age of 18 needs to have a consent form on file in order to receive free COVID testing at one of the MCPASD testing locations. A consent form must be filled out for each child by their parent/guardian. A consent form for each child only needs to be submitted once during the school year and is valid until August 31, 2022.

There are two options to submit a MCPASD COVID testing consent form:

- Visit the [district webpage](#) or use [this link](#) to submit an electronic consent form.
- OR-
- Print and fill out a hard copy of the consent form [linked here](#), and bring it with you to a testing site.

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## Steps for Parents/Guardians to Follow:

1. If you have not previously turned in a consent form, follow the instructions above to do so.
2. Pre-register each individual getting tested:
  - a. Go to <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/en-US/> and click on “Take the screening questionnaire”. Following the prompts and at the end click on, “I’m being tested at a non-public site”. You will get a QR code that will be scanned at one of the testing locations.
    - i. For more detailed instructions and pre-registration clarification, see [this document](#).
3. Go to one of the open drive through MCPASD testing site locations.
4. Accelerated laboratory staff members will greet you at your car and:
  - a. Confirm a consent form is on file for anyone under the age of 18
    - i. If a consent form has not previously been submitted, they will assist with the completion of a MCPASD consent form.
  - b. Scan the QR code received after pre-registration for each individual getting testing.
  - c. Collect a testing sample by swabbing the inside of the nasal cavity.

## How Testing Results are Received:

**Rapid Antigen test results** will typically be received in 30-45 minutes.

**PCR test results** will typically be received in 24-48 hours.

- **Negative results:** you will be emailed a secure link to view and print results.
- **Positive results:** you will be emailed a secure link to view and print results and may be called by PHMDC/contact tracing staff
  - Report positive test results to the district’s COVID-19 hotline by either calling 608-829-9018 or emailing [covid19@mcpasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:covid19@mcpasd.k12.wi.us) . Instructions on next steps will be provided at that time.

Please note that while a negative rapid antigen test result is excellent news, a negative PCR test is required to return to in-person learning. For more information on when you or your child can return to in-person learning, see [this document](#).

## Other Free COVID-19 Testing Site Options:

Please visit the PHMDC web page provided below for an up to date list of alternative testing site options:

<https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/testing>

For your convenience, we encourage you to use one of the MCPASD testing sites. If you choose to get tested at an alternative location, you will need to email a copy of the test result to the district’s COVID-19 hotline at [covid19@mcpasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:covid19@mcpasd.k12.wi.us).