

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COVID-19 TESTING & RELEASE OF RECORDS

What is this Q&A about?

This is a packet of questions on information regarding your consent to test yourself/student for COVID-19 infection. Crab Orchard CUSD#3 has obtained a CLIA waiver and is able to administer the BinaxNOW antigen anterior nares test which gives results in 15 minutes. School District students, teachers, and staff members have opportunity to be tested. This is voluntary.

How often will your student be tested?

1. We can also do quarantine exemption testing on days 1/3/5/7 in order for the student to be able to remain/return to school when identified as a close contact from within the school system. This would mean that student/staff would not be identified to the health department.
2. Symptomatic student could have the option to be tested here after a nurse assessment. This could mean that students with symptoms would not be excluded or have to be tested elsewhere to remain in school.
3. We will be equipped to test weekly as needed for sports or future required scheduled testing.

What is the test?

If you consent, your student will receive a free diagnostic test for the COVID-19 virus through the use of the BinaxNOW antigen rapid test with an anterior nasal swabbing. Per the Franklin Williamson County Health Department, screening tests DO NOT require a quarantine unless symptomatic.

How will the tests be performed?

The Abbott BinaxNOW will require staff to obtain an anterior nasal swab specimen with results obtained in 15 minutes. If a positive BinaxNOW is obtained, a PCR test would be suggested as a follow up.

See the following video on collection.

Abbott BinaxNOW- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HIXpiZnP_c

How will I know if my student tests positive?

If testing with BinaxNOW, our school nurse will notify of positive results immediately.

What should I do when I receive my student's test results?

If your student's results are negative, no further action is necessary. If your child's test results are positive, you cannot send your child back to school without clearance from your local Health Department. The school nurse will also be in contact on anticipated return date. Please consult with the appropriate Medical Provider for advice and treatment. Tests sometimes produce incorrect negative results called "false negatives" in people who have COVID-19. If your child tests negative but has symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that you keep your student home until symptoms have improved. A second test to return may be required depending on symptom onset. Nursing staff will communicate this with you. Always if you have concerns about your student's exposure to COVID-19, you should call your student's medical provider.

Who will receive my student's test results? In addition to you receiving your student's test results, the School District and the Illinois Department of Public Health ("IDPH") will also receive your child's test results. Isolation and quarantine requirement will be consistent with IDPH guidance and the Illinois Control of Communicable Disease through your local Health Department.

How do I sign my student up for COVID-19 testing? Please complete the Consent for Testing Form and return to back to the Nursing Office or the Principal's Office. Once nursing office obtains the consent, a confirmation call will be completed to answer any questions or concerns. If you do not receive a call, please reach out to the nursing office to ensure the consent form was received.

What if I have more than one student? There will need to be a consent form completed for each student in order to ensure we have the correct demographics and email address for data collection and documentation.

When do I need to sign up? You can sign up at any time during the year. Once we receive you consent form, testing can be initiated.

What happens if I change my mind and I don't want my student tested? You will need to contact the nursing office. At that time your student's information will be removed and a new consent will have to be completed for future testing.

Who should I contact for more information about the COVID-19 testing? Please initiate a conversation with the school nurse first. If you still have other concerns or questions, the nurse will refer you to administration.