



How to Opt Into In-School Testing

Oklahoma Schools COVID-19 Prevention Program

Opt-in Guidance for Parents

For your student to participate in the in-school testing program, you will need to fill out and return the attached permission form to **[SCHOOL CONTACT]**.

Process:

1. Fill out the attached permission form and ensure it is signed by both you and your student, if applicable.
2. Return the permission form to **[SCHOOL CONTACT]**.
3. Reach out to the contact above with any questions.

Opt-in FAQ:

Is this testing mandatory for students and staff?

- No, COVID-19 tests are optional, although strongly encouraged.
- If you choose not to enroll your student(s) in the program, they can still attend school in person.
- Students will not be tested without both the student and parent/guardian giving their consent.

My child is fully vaccinated. Do they need to be tested?

- No, current CDC guidance states that if you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to be tested unless you develop COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19. Testing will be conducted in accordance with CDC testing guidance.

Does my child have to get tested to take part in school sports and extracurricular activities?

- No, COVID-19 tests are optional, although strongly encouraged. If you choose not to enroll your child in the program, they can still take part in school sports and extracurricular activities.
- Students will not be tested without both the student and guardian giving their consent.

How will the school protect my child's privacy?



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- Your child's privacy and the security of their health information is top priority. Testing results will be shared only for public health purposes, which may include notifying close contacts that they may have been exposed to an unnamed individual with COVID-19 and taking other steps to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in our school community.
- Information sharing and notifying of contacts will be done in a way that is HIPAA-compliant and protects your child's privacy. Information about your child will only be shared in accordance with applicable law and policies protecting student privacy and the security of your child's data.

Will their test result be shared with anyone other than me?

- No, a student's test results will be shared in a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant manner either by calling or emailing the parent/guardian contact. The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) does require daily reporting of COVID-19 test results, but that does not include any HIPAA-related health information related to specific students.

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Student Name: _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Grade: _____ **Parent's Phone Number:** _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Please mark one of the following options:

____ I accept the responsibility for participating in school- based screenings for COVID-19 and for reporting all symptoms of illnesses to my parents, teacher, school nurse, coach, athletic trainer, or a designated school staff of any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and also any close contact or exposure to COVID-19 to the best of my ability.

I have read and understand the above information on COVID-19. Furthermore, I give permission of participation for my student. Note: By law the results of the rapid testing will be reported to the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Note: Consent is good for the School Year 2021-2022 and may be revoked at any time.

____ I do not give permission of participation in COVID-19 screening for my student.