

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TESTING INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS
SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON TESTING AND QUARANTINE CAN BE FOUND
ON THIS [RIDOH WEBSITE](#) LINK

Dear Families,

The RIDOH has developed a COVID-19 Testing Program specifically to provide testing services for Rhode Island PreK-12 public and private school students, faculty and staff which began Monday, September 14, 2020.

The service line is only for PreK-12 students, faculty and staff who have symptoms, have been identified as a close contact of a positive case, or are a classmate of a positive case. Services are available in multiple languages.

HERE is the list of [testing sites](#) for PreK-12 Rhode Island students, faculty and staff.

Anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms will get two tests. The first test is a rapid test. The results of this test will be available before the end of the day. The second test is called a PCR test. This test result will be available in 2 days (48 hours).

Individuals tested must remain quarantined until both test results are available and confirmed negative prior to returning to school. Household contacts must also quarantine during this time and cannot attend school.

TO SCHEDULE A TEST, CALL THE PREK-12 COVID-19 TEST SCHEDULING SERVICE AT **844-857-1814**, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM 7:30AM - 9:30PM.

If your child becomes ill it is important you reach out to the school nurse to report specific symptoms, and notify if being tested for COVID-19. If this occurs outside of school hours, please email the school nurse at the email address above. Communication is important as we are working with the RIDOH to ensure contact tracing if there is a positive case in the district.

Probable Case of COVID-19

CDC defines a probable case as an individual who meets the following criteria.

One of the following symptoms:

- ☐ Cough
- ☐ Shortness of breath
- ☐ Difficulty breathing
- ☐ New loss of taste or smell

or

Two of the following symptoms:

- ☐ Fever
- ☐ Chills (rigors)
- ☐ Muscle aches (myalgias)
- ☐ Headache
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Nausea or Vomiting
- ☐ Diarrhea
- ☐ Fatigue
- ☐ Congestion or runny nose

Any student who meets probable case definition should notify RIDOH by school staff reporting through the RIDOH Portal (details to come), receive a test, and isolate and arrange for student pickup. More guidance will be released in the coming weeks on these specific action steps.

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IN KEEPING WITH OUTBREAK RESPONSE PROTOCOLS SET BY THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED IN THE SUMMARY BELOW. SPEAK WITH THE SCHOOL NURSE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Protocols summary

	Any symptom (not probable case)	Probable Case	Person Tests Positive	Person Tests Negative
Symptomatic Person	Isolate Medical advice Test encouraged If rapid test negative, confirmatory lab-processed test is recommended If not tested/test negative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever free for 24 hours and Symptoms improved (back to usual health) 	Isolate Medical advice Test required If rapid test negative, confirmatory lab-processed test is recommended	Isolate for 10+ days Symptom-based strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever free for 24 hours and Symptoms have improved and 10 days since symptoms first appeared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever free 24 hours and Symptoms improved (back to usual health)
Return to school/program	Parent/guardian attestation	Parent/guardian attestation with test result	Parent/guardian attestation	Parent/guardian attestation
Close Contacts	No action	No action for school close contacts while waiting for test result Quarantine pending probable case test result may be advised by RIDOH if one or more cases in the school or program within the past 14 days	Quarantine for 14 days from last day of exposure	No action

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE [AFTER- ILLNESS ATTESTATION FORM](#) TO THE SCHOOL NURSE WHEN YOUR CHILD IS READY TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL.

(COVID-19) PREVENTION -CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL

is a valid resource for information on Coronavirus. Please click on this [LINK](#) for ways to keep your family healthy and safe.