



## DCPS COVID-19 Testing Information for Parents

DCPS follows DC Health Student Testing Guidance which outlines two testing options for students in DCPS schools. Schools will provide rapid COVID-19 testing to students identified as having potential COVID-19 symptoms while at school and DC Health will conduct regular testing of asymptomatic students to help ensure parents and students at their schools remain safe for in-person learning.

Symptomatic Testing Procedures		Asymptomatic Testing Procedures
<p>All students displaying COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be evaluated by the school nurse on site. If determined by the nurse that the student needs a COVID test <b>and if the students have a valid symptomatic COVID-19 consent form on file</b>, the school nurse will immediately conduct a COVID-19 rapid test of the symptomatic student. This service is available daily.</p>	<p><i>When are students tested for COVID-19?</i></p>	<p>DC Health staff will offer regular COVID-19 testing of asymptomatic students. Testers will visit each school approximately every 10 days and will test all students with asymptomatic consent forms on file.</p>
<p>Parents/guardians must submit the <a href="#">School COVID-19 Testing Consent Form</a> <b>before</b> symptomatic students can be given a rapid or PCR (polymerase chain reaction) COVID-19 test. Consent only needs to be provided once and is valid for the remainder of the school year.</p>	<p><i>When do I need to provide consent in order for my student to be tested?</i></p>	<p>Parents/guardians must submit the <a href="#">Asymptomatic Persons School COVID-19 Testing Consent Form</a> <b>before</b> asymptomatic students can be tested. This consent form is valid for 90 days from the date of the signature.</p>
<p>Your student will need to complete the necessary isolation period at home and should continue engaging with their classes through virtual learning. DCPS requires documentation from a healthcare provider or contact tracing force confirming that your student has met the criteria to return to in-person learning after their illness.</p>	<p><i>What happens if my student tests positive?</i></p>	<p>Contact your school and share the test results. Your student will need to complete the necessary isolation period at home. DCPS requires documentation from a healthcare provider or contact tracing force confirming that the student has met the criteria to return to in-person learning after their illness.</p>
<p>If rapid COVID-19 test results are negative, a PCR test will be immediately administered to confirm the negative result. Your student will need to remain home until the PCR test results are obtained.</p> <p>If the PCR test results are negative, the student may return to school. If the PCR is positive, the student must complete necessary isolation at home.</p>	<p><i>What happens if my student tests negative?</i></p>	<p>The student should continue attending school for in-person learning.</p>

**If you have more questions about your school's COVID-19 response efforts or COVID-19 testing, please visit <https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/> or contact your school administrator and/or registrar's office.**