

COVID-19 Viral Testing

Dear Hill Families:

This communication is designed to help you navigate the pre-arrival testing process. Please note that these instructions are for obtaining the required **COVID-19** <u>viral</u> test; this is NOT an antibody test. In this phase of the pandemic, obtaining testing can be a challenge due to supply issues. Extraordinarily long turn-around times for lab results also necessitate that we expand our window of testing. We will accept any test administered on or after **August 3**. If you are using Quest, LabCorp, or urgent care, it is recommended that you obtain the test as early as possible after August 3. Below are some testing options. Please note this does not indicate a specific recommendation, rather resources that may be available to you if you have trouble arranging for testing through your primary care provider. For families that have traveled from their home in order to quarantine in Pennsylvania, please consider scheduling an appointment at an urgent care facility.

- 1. Call your **primary care provider** today to schedule a test on or after August 3.
- 2. Call your local **urgent care center** to arrange for a test.
- 3. **Patient First** (urgent care) has a number of locations in the mid-Atlantic region which will administer the test by appointment. Please note turn-around times indicated on their website.

https://www.patientfirst.com/covid-19/covid-19-testing

The Pottstown Patient First location can be accessed here: <u>https://www.patientfirst.com/locations/eastern-pennsylvania/pottstown</u>

4. Other options for **local** students (these appointments fill up quickly and are not likely to be as readily available as Patient First). <u>https://data-montcopa.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/covid-testing-page</u>

Other general options for students who live outside of the eastern Pennsylvania region:

- 5. **MedExpress** (urgent care centers)—multiple locations across the country <u>https://www.medexpress.com/plan-your-visit/coronavirus.html</u>
- 6. **CVS** <u>https://cvshealth.com/covid-19/testing-locations</u>

7. Phosphorus

https://www.phosphorus-c19-pcr.com/order-now/covid-19-rt-qpcr-test Enter in notes when placing order: "Attends boarding school. The boarding school requires a COVID-19 viral test."

8. Pharmacy-based program

There may be age restrictions in some states. <u>https://doineedacovid19test.com/?ReturnUrl=/Member/Home/Program/819c1a83-a05c-4547-bf3e-998a92f894af</u>

For the small number of students who are age 18 or older:

9. Everlywell

Due to state restrictions, tests are not permitted for use in NJ, NY, RI, and MD. <u>https://www.everlywell.com/products/covid-19-test/</u>

- 10. Picture by Fulgent Genetics https://picturegenetics.com/covid19
- 11. **Pixel by LabCorp** <u>https://www.pixel.labcorp.com/at-home-test-kits/covid-19-test</u>

Students quarantining on campus or at Hill's Hampton Inn program will be tested during the quarantine period. *This testing will be arranged by the School.* The student's account will be charged for the cost of the test.

Students beginning the year remotely do not need to have testing done at this time. However, testing will be required prior to a student's arrival on campus. Contact the Wellness Center once you know your arrival plans.

Once you receive your test result, please fax the result as soon as possible to the Wellness Center at 610-705-1765. As a reminder, students who do not complete required testing with negative results will not be permitted to move in or attend in-person classes. If your result is *positive*, call your **primary care provider** for evaluation and next steps. You should expect that your local Department of Health will ask you about any recent close contacts to aid their contact tracing team. If you test positive and are unable to reach your primary care provider, please contact your local health department for further guidance.

A few of these options may be covered by insurance, some will not. If you receive financial aid: after first trying to submit the receipt to your health insurance for reimbursement, if you have concerns regarding the cost to your family, please contact Mrs. Norman in the Business Office at <u>dnorman@thehill.org</u>.