



COVID-19 Testing Options

If your child has any symptoms of illness, even mild, your child should stay home and contact Mrs. Forbes to discuss whether COVID testing or evaluation by your pediatrician is warranted.

There are different types of COVID tests available for use at home and at doctors' offices and testing sites. Please visit the [CCHD Testing Information page](#) for further instructions and to report at home test results.

When is a rapid antigen test acceptable? (Results usually within 15 minutes)

- When an individual is symptomatic
 - Positive result: contact Mrs Forbes and your doctor immediately for further instructions
 - Negative result: notify Mrs Forbes and return to school per attendance protocols
 - Known Close Contacts: It is recommended that individuals who have had close contact to a positive individual obtain a rapid antigen test on day 5, if possible, to ensure they are not asymptomatic.

A PCR or rapid molecular test is warranted when rapid antigen tests are not available or as directed by a physician. (PCR results usually occur within 12-72 hours, rapid molecular tests usually occur in 1-6 hours)

Currently, the CCHD, supports the use of FDA EUA approved at-home rapid antigen tests to rule out COVID in symptomatic individuals and to test on day 5 if the individual is a known close contact.

Where can I get a test?

- At-home rapid antigen kits can be purchased at stores and online, please be sure to read "Test at Home" instructions below.
- Doctor's offices, Urgicenters, CVS Minute Clinics, etc: Be sure to call ahead or check their website as many offices are changing their hours due to staffing shortages and supply issues, and may not have certain tests available or only do COVID testing at certain times.
- **15 to Know**
 - These sites offer rapid antigen tests and rapid molecular tests that you pay for out of pocket.
 - They only accept health insurance under certain circumstances, [explained here](#).

At-home Testing Instructions

For the most current list of **at-home COVID antigen tests** that have an FDA EUA, visit

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/in-vitro-diagnostics-euas-antigen-diagnostic-tests-sars-cov-2>. Filter the list on this website by entering "home."

- Make sure the test is on the FDA's list.
- Write your child's name on the test card.
- Take a picture of the result next to something with a date/time stamp, such as a phone. Forward the result to Carol Forbes at cforbes@montgomeryschool.org.