

COVID Clinic Testing

Q: Will I get my child's PCR results? How long will it take?

A: Yes, you will receive your child's PCR results via email and text. You should receive results within 24-48 hours.

Q: What is Group Tracing?

A: Exposed students who participate in testing on day 3, 4 or 5 from the last day of exposure, may continue to take part in all aspects of K-12 schooling including sports and extracurricular activities. If the child does not opt to test, they must be excluded from all aspects of K-12 schooling for 10 days, return on day 11.

Q: What is screening testing?

A: Screening testing involves testing asymptomatic individuals who do not have known or suspected exposure to Covid-19 in order to make individual decisions based on the test results.

Q: Will my insurance be billed for the screening testing through COVID Clinic?

A: All testing is covered at no cost to patient. This is regardless of insurance status. In October, California Governor Gavin Newsom passed Senate Bill 510 stating that all screening testing must be covered by all insurance payors and/or The Cares Act. Screening testing is cost-free to California residents. When registering, there is a drop down box asking if you have insurance – it is a Yes or No answer.

Q: How can I opt-out of the consent?

A: If you do not wish to have your child tested, you do not need to sign the consent form. No child will be tested without consent.

Q: By consenting to this, what exactly am I consenting to? Am I consenting to weekly testing to be done at the school site regardless of covid symptoms or covid positive cases in the classroom?

A: You are consenting to weekly screening testing in the classroom regardless of exposure to help slow the transmission of Covid-19 in your school and in your community. The goal is to keep schools open, teachers teaching and students learning. You are also consenting to your school district and your local public health department knowing your child's results in order to keep our school and community safe and healthy.

Q: Will screening testing be done in the classroom?

A: Yes screening testing will be done in the classroom by a medically-trained professional. If you do not wish to have your child tested, you do not need to sign the consent form. No child will be tested without consent.

Q: What will actually happen logistically when they test? Will they go to a centralized testing tent with their class or will they come to the class with the cart? Will the class line up or go directly to the front from their seats?

A: Covid Clinic staff will greet the students in the classroom with a cart, and administer a 15-second nasal swab test – just inside the tip of the nose with a Q-tip style swab.

Q: What happens when someone in the class tests positive? Does everyone in the class have to retest? If so, how? Will they make rounds to retest the class or will all of the class have to go to a testing site?

A: If someone in the class tests positive, the students will need to follow CDPH and County of San Diego Group Tracing Guidance and get a test on day 3, 4 or 5 after exposure. This can be any type of test. Antigen, home antigen or PCR. Students may come to the District Office or Hedenkamp testing sites for a rapid antigen test in conjunction with a PCR test after exposure.

Q: Will screening testing be offered to preschool students?

A: Yes, screening testing will be offered to preschool students in the district.

Q: What should I expect when choosing to take a saliva test?

A: You cannot eat, drink, smoke, chew gum or apply lipstick or Chapstick thirty minutes prior to taking a saliva test, otherwise it could cause an inconclusive result. You will be given a small vial and will need to produce enough saliva to fill the vial.