

Antigen Testing Program for Schools

County of San Diego

Testing asymptomatic (without symptoms) students and staff for COVID-19 can be an additional strategy for safer school re-opening. Antigen tests such as the BinaxNOW test can be performed in a nonclinical setting, such as a school, and results are available within minutes. While this process may not suit all schools, if your school is interested, please follow the directions below to sign up for the California School-Based Antigen Program.



1 Enrollment Phase 1

- A. Complete the State's [Enrollment Phase I](#)
 - i. CDPH Lab Director (Dr. Carol Glaser) can serve as your lab director if all steps are completed
 - ii. Do you have a doctor willing to be the ordering provider? If not please let us know as we may be able to support (email COVID-education@sdcounty.ca.gov)

2 Training

- A. Once you have completed the enrollment steps above, forward the confirmation email from CDPH to Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan to set up an hour long, in-person training with your team
- B. After the training, each attendee will complete the Competency Quiz (link provided after training)

3 Enrollment Phase 2

- A. Once all quizzes are submitted, complete [Enrollment Phase II](#)
- B. Email SchoolBinax@cdph.ca.gov when submitted to receive your CLIA Number

4 Reporting & PCR Confirmation

All positives and non-positives need to be reported to County of San Diego Public Health Services.

- We highly recommend using the applications [Primary](#) or [Color](#) for consent, reporting, and other purposes (there is an associated cost with these applications).
- If you are not able to use Primary or Color, plan to manually report (free). Please see the [Manual Lab Reporting Quick Start Guide](#) and [Module New User Application](#) to learn more about the manual reporting option. Please note that this is a time-consuming option, so it is not recommended unless Primary or Color are cost-prohibitive.

PROCESS FOR PCR CONFIRMATION

- For all positive tests, re-ask about symptoms
- For those who have **no** symptoms **and** test positive this is a presumptive/preliminary positive, and needs to have a PCR test to confirm
- Refer those with no symptoms and positive test to their provider or a [testing site](#)

5 Requesting Kits

- A. Attest that all above steps are completed by submitting the [BinaxNOW – Appendix A with schools and universities](#)
- B. Email Logs.Testing.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov with school name and CLIA number
 - i. Test kits will arrive in 3-5 business days after submission

If you are interested in the program or have any questions, please email COVID-Education@sdcounty.ca.gov

