How to Test Your Student for COVID-19

Help slow the spread of COVID-19. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE TESTED as they return to school, to check for asymptomatic or presymptomatic infections.

Step 1: Get your testing materials (from your school or district)

- A box of at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen tests (1 box= 2 tests)

Step 2: TEST prior to return to school or when you receive the test

- All students should test before returning to school, even if they don’t feel sick at the time.
- If your student is sick with symptoms (like cough and fever), STAY HOME and use your test to see if it is COVID-19.
- If your student has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, STAY HOME and use your test five to seven days after the exposure.

Step 3: SHARE your test results

- Digital reporting is optional. However, for positive results, please notify your school at least.
- If your student is very sick: call 911, visit an emergency room, or call your doctor.
- SHARE your test results via the Primary.Health link sent by your school, or (if you did not receive a school link) the Primary.Health website at https://my.primary.health/I/caschools, or by scanning the QRcode below with your smartphone.

Step 4: UNDERSTAND your test results

Negative test?

- If your student feels well and has no COVID-19 symptoms, return to school.
- If your student has SYMPTOMS or has been in contact with someone with COVID-19, please call your school before they return – even if the test is negative. More testing may be needed.

Positive test? Keep your student home from school and contact your doctor and your school right away. Refer to the COVID-19 Decision Tree for K-12 Schools for further guidance.

Unclear test result? Retest at school or at a local testing site.

Any symptoms? Known exposure? If your student has ANY COVID-19 symptoms and/or you know they were exposed, CALL THE SCHOOL before they return.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit: coronavirus-sd.com