



COVID-19 K-12 Testing Update

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Enabling in-person learning in K-12 schools remains a top priority for MDHHS

The COVID-19 Testing Team is more committed than ever to providing the best and most equitable service to the state's most vulnerable communities. This letter is being provided as a comprehensive update on all things related to K-12 COVID-19 testing.

In the first few weeks of January, MDHHS has shipped hundreds of thousands of antigen tests to schools to support in-person learning and continued safety. Due to the high demand for tests and supplier constraints, MDHHS continues to process orders in a prioritized fashion. Information about how orders are currently being prioritized is provided below.

Prioritization criteria:

- 1. Outbreak status 1:** Selected on district order form with no mask mandate in place.
- 2. Outbreak status 2:** Selected on district order form with mask mandate in place.
- 3. Request date:** Date when School District, ISD, Non-public, and/or Charter school placed order through the MDHHS District ordering form

- 4. Previous shipment date:** If the order does not fall within the above criteria, the order will not be prioritized for immediate shipment however it will be shipped within 2-weeks of approval.

An email notification will be sent to the point of contact listed on the order when:

- **The order is submitted**
- **The status changes to approved/rejected**
- **and once the order has been sent to the warehouse for fulfillment**

If there are any questions from MDHHS about a request, a liaison from the testing team will reach out to the point of contact to clarify.

Types of supply:

While MDHHS continues to work diligently to procure additional supplies, orders may not be filled at 100 percent and the type of tests shipped may differ based on supply availability. We encourage schools to submit a new request for more testing supplies *prior to depletion of your on-hand supply* to allow enough time for MDHHS processing. Please note that the following test kits may be provided to fulfill your order. In the event that a different test is being shipped to your site, MDHHS will contact you by email to provide you with additional details about the type of test being sent.

- [iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test](#)
- [Ellume COVID 19 Home Test](#)
- [QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test](#)
- [Flowflex COVID-19 Antigen Home Test](#)
- [BinaxNOW COVID-19 Self Test](#)
- [BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Test](#)
- [SIENNA COVID-19 RAPID ANTIGEN TEST](#)

*For school that have applied for their own CLIA waiver, please send CLIA waiver changes with site information and CLIA number to BCHS-CLIA@michigan.gov (Once the email is sent to add the listed tests, the facility is qualified to begin using them)

**Please see this [CMS FAQ about OTC testing](#) that provides pertinent information about OTC test requirements when administered by someone else*

Reporting:

While hundreds of thousands of antigen tests have been sent to schools, we have not seen similar volumes reported back to MDHHS on test utilization.

Reporting of COVID-19 test results is not only a federal requirement but also a critical piece to the fight against COVID-19 that can be leveraged to strategically place resources for a more cohesive and comprehensive mitigation strategy. Reporting also helps to ensure continued investment into valuable COVID-19 testing resources to keep the public safer.

State, Local, and Federal reporting requirements for antigen tests are satisfied by utilizing the [Michigan Antigen Testing Results](#) portal.

- Positive results must be reported individually within 4 hours of completion of the test.
- Negative results may be reported as an aggregate number within 24 hours of completion of the test.
 - Facilities that wish to, may continue to provide individual negative results.

Additional reporting guidance can be found here- [MI COVID Antigen Reporting](#)

Ordering Process:

Below you will find the antigen test ordering process to support testing in Public Schools, Intermediate School Districts (ISD), Charter Schools, and Non-Public Schools.

Public Schools - Request Process:

Public Schools will continue to submit their request through the [Antigen COVID Test School Request Form](#). When submitting the request through this form this permits your School District to order from MDHHS.

ISDs, Charter Schools, Non-Public Schools - Ordering Process:

ISD, Charter Schools, and Non-Public Schools will order directly from the [School District Antigen COVID Test Ordering Form](#). Orders will be reviewed by MDHHS and shipped directly to the point of contact and address listed on the form.

School Districts - Ordering Process:

School Districts will view the [Dashboard](#) provided by MDHHS to review number of requested tests submitted from **Public Schools** in their district.

School Districts will then submit their order for their **School District** to the [School District Antigen COVID Test Ordering Form](#).

Shipments will be sent directly to the **School District** point of contact and address listed on the form.

To learn more about school testing please visit Coronavirus - [K-12 School Opening Guidance \(michigan.gov\)](#)

For questions about COVID-19 testing MDHHS-COVIDTestingSupport@michigan.gov