

COVID-19 TESTING FAQ

Will COVID-19 testing be available at schools?

Here's an explanation of our testing program as of Sept 2021:

Diagnostic Testing

FRSD will continue to offer free COVID-19 diagnostic testing at each school site. This is a practice that began in the spring of 2021. The Abbot BinaxNOW COVID-19 rapid test is what is used in schools. **Parent/guardian consent is required for a student to participate in diagnostic testing.** Consent forms were included as part of the registration process this fall.

Diagnostic testing is testing for **students and staff *with symptoms of COVID-19*** or those who have been exposed to COVID-19 through close contact with a positive or presumptive case. Diagnostic testing helps to quickly identify COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools, interrupt viral spread through households and in classrooms, and reduce the risk for students and staff returning to in-person instruction.

Positive results are reported to the Lane County Public Health Department, contact tracing is initiated, and the student or staff member is required to isolate. Unvaccinated staff or students and vaccinated individuals demonstrating COVID-19 symptoms who came into contact with the positive or presumptive case will be required to quarantine for 10 days. Vaccinated staff or students are not required to quarantine, but they are encouraged to take a COVID-19 test 3-5 days following exposure.