

# Start-Up Guide for Covid-19 Testing in Schools

Regular testing can keep kids in school and Covid out



## 1. FIND A SCHOOL TESTING PROVIDER



Go [here](#) to learn about your testing options & to contact your state's testing provider(s).



Learn about the different test options (pooled PCR, individual PCR, & rapid antigen) [here](#) and [here](#).



Use this [questionnaire](#) to make sure the provider's services meet your school's needs.

## 3. COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Plan a communications strategy for engaging parents & students. Start with [templates & videos](#) from other schools.

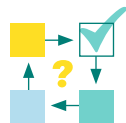


Use [this toolkit](#) or [this toolkit](#) to explain how testing can keep kids in school.

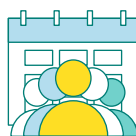


Get consent from parents & students. Go [here](#) to learn how.

## 2. MAKE A TESTING PLAN



Start with a [simple checklist](#), or detailed planning [template](#).



Create a dedicated testing [team](#) to determine how many staff & students will participate, when, & where you'll test. Go [here](#) for sample schedules.



[Plan](#) for how you'll isolate a student who tests positive during school hours, & then [identify close contacts](#) & [notify their families](#).

## 4. LEARN MORE AND CONNECT



[Watch](#) day-in-the life graphics that show how different testing programs can look in schools.

[Watch](#) saliva testing at a high school and an elementary school (1 min. 30 sec.).

[Watch](#) nasal swab testing in an elementary school (2 min).

[Watch](#) rapid antigen testing in a middle school (1 min. 30 sec.).

[Watch](#) school leaders discuss how they're communicating with students and families (1 hr. webinar).

[Watch](#) school leaders discuss fall 2021 testing and reopening (1 hr. webinar).



[Connect with peers](#) who are already testing.