

COVID-19 Testing For Students and Staff

For information about reopening Rhode Island's schools, district learning plans, and Pre K - 12 outbreak response protocols, visit back2schoolri.com. Information about testing for children in the general public (non-Pre K - 12 testing) is available at health.ri.gov/covid/testing/children.

How and when will I receive my results?

Rapid Tests (For those with symptoms only)

- Staff who have COVID-19 symptoms and get a test at the Rhode Island Convention Center will get the result of their rapid test before they leave the site.
- Staff and students who have COVID-19 symptoms and get a test at any other Pre K-12 test site can learn the results of their rapid test by calling the Pre K-12 COVID-19 test scheduling service at [844-857-1814](tel:844-857-1814). Please wait until the evening to allow the lab to process your information.

PCR Tests

- Anyone who gets a PCR test will get their result from Dominion Diagnostics, the results of a PCR test are usually available within 48 hours. Results are available on their patient portal at www.lifepoint40.com/DOMINION/lpi3/?event=PatientPortal:auth.login. Please wait at least 24 hours before registering for this portal so the lab can receive your sample and process your information.

If you have symptoms, isolate yourself from other people in your home as much as possible while you wait for your results. If you are a close contact without symptoms, stay home and follow quarantine guidance while you wait for your results. Guidance about isolation and quarantine can be found at health.ri.gov/diseases/ncov2019/#quarantine. **A negative test result does not necessarily mean you can return to school. See below for more information.**

What happens if a student or staff member tests positive?

- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 needs to isolate for at least 10 days. After 10 days, you can return to school if you have been fever-free for 24 hours without using a fever-reducing medicine, and if symptoms have improved. If you tested positive but do not have symptoms, you must isolate for 10 days after you had your COVID-19 test.
- A case investigator will call you to talk about what you need to do. Anything you tell the case investigator is confidential and is only used for public health purposes. RIDOH will also talk with your school district to decide if any other people need to quarantine.

What happens if a student or staff member tests negative?

- If the result of your rapid test is negative, you must stay in isolation while you wait for the result of your PCR test. If the result of your PCR test is negative, you can go back to work or school after symptoms have improved and you have been fever-free for 24 hours without using a fever-reducing medication. Do not go to work or school if you feel sick.
- If RIDOH identified you as a close contact of a positive case, you need to complete your 14-day quarantine period even if your PCR test result is negative. You must quarantine for 14 days from the date of close contact and monitor yourself for symptoms.

Next steps:

- Call [844-857-1814](tel:844-857-1814) for the results of your rapid test and after 48 hours check the [Dominion Diagnostics Portal](#) (listed above) for the results of your PCR test. Please wait 24 hours before registering for this portal.
- If you have additional questions, please call the Pre K-12 COVID-19 test scheduling service at [844-857-1814](tel:844-857-1814).
- If you have the opportunity, we welcome you to take a five-minute survey on your testing experience at tpl.fyi/schools.

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WHEN TO VISIT THE HEALTH OFFICE



If the student appears to be:

- **Confused** – doesn't seem to be themselves
- **Short of breath** or in respiratory distress
- Having a **change in level of consciousness**
- **Dizzy** or lightheaded
- **Vision impairment**
- Large cuts or **uncontrolled bleeding**
- **Severe pain**; visibly noticed by a staff member
- **Fever rule out**; student appears to be sick or warm
- **Severe trauma**
- **Diabetic complaints** (student will have an active care plan)
- **Concussed**; after a head injury or a neck injury

Please do not move the student; call the nurse to come evaluate

In order to prevent potential exposure to infectious disease and to decrease office congestion please do NOT send student to the health office with the following common situations:

- Paper cuts, small abrasions, picked scabs-have them wash hands and apply band aid.
- Minor headaches and/or fatigue-allow them to get snack/drink water first. IF not better after 20 min they can be sent to nurse's office.
- Mild stomach ache and/or nausea allow to use the restroom, drink water, and have snack first. If not better after 20 min they can be sent to nurse's office.
- Localized bug bite- if no allergy history and not spread over large area of skin, apply cool paper towel to area to help prevent scratching.
- Anxiety/Stress/Psychosocial Issues- if not affecting breathing or medical health try snack, fluids or redirection. IF not better after 20 min they can be sent to nurse's office.

DON'T SEND STUDENTS TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE UNLESS YOU CALL AND SPEAK TO THE NURSE!

DUE TO COVID-19 THERE IS A CHANGE IN SENDING STUDENTS TO THE HEALTH OFFICE THIS YEAR.

THERE IS A HEALTHY NURSE'S OFFICE FOR ROUTINE CARE AND AN ISOLATION ROOM

WHEN IN DOUBT CALL THE NURSE!

