

Dear Parents/Guardians:

At the Holbrook Public Schools keeping your students safe and in school is our top priority. We are writing to let you know, in accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), our district is updating our COVID-19 Testing Program, effective in early February (more information to come on the exact start date). We are opting into an at-home testing program that will increase testing of our participating students and staff, regardless of vaccination status. For more information about this update to the statewide testing program, please [click here](#). In addition to this new at-home antigen test option, we will continue symptomatic testing during the week. As part of this shift in the program, **we are discontinuing Test and Stay and discontinuing contact tracing** for in-school close contacts. This means that if your child is a potential contact in school, you will not be notified, and they may continue to come to school and do not have to quarantine. This new at-home testing opportunity is voluntary and only those who opt-in will receive tests. We strongly encourage you to fill out the form to opt-in. The link to opt-into the new testing protocol is posted below. Please click on the link and follow the steps to opt-in. If you have questions, please contact your school's nurse.

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COVID-19 Testing Programs in our Schools:

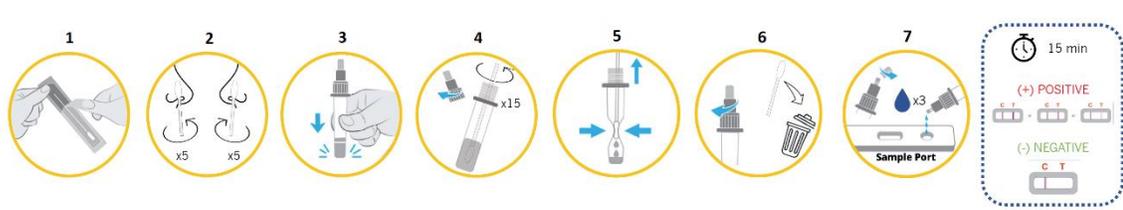
1. **Weekly at-Home Rapid Antigen Testing** (*for those who opt in to the program **only**)
2. **Symptomatic Testing** (*If you have not yet signed up, see school website for link*)

Overview: At-Home Rapid Testing Program

- **About the Test:** [iHealth](#) is a 15-minute at-home FDA-approved rapid antigen test
- **Opt-In:** To participate, you must opt in by completing this [Google Form](#). By opting in, you will agree to review the training materials for test administration, report positive test results to your student's school, and administer the tests according to the Holbrook Public School's guidelines.
- **Weekly:** Every two weeks you will receive an iHealth at-home rapid test kit. Each kit contains two individual tests. Your student will administer one test each week on Wednesdays, but should use their second test **IF** they become symptomatic **after** the first test was administered.
- ****If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days, you should only use a test kit if your child is actually experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (to avoid a false positive outcome)**
- **Reporting Positive Test Results:** If your student tests positive on an at-home antigen test, you will inform their school of the positive result by calling the school nurse. Results will be kept confidential. Any negative test result does **not** need to be reported to school.
- **Easy, Free, and Flexible:** This test is administered at home (not at school), reducing the burden on school staff and time to administer tests and increasing a family's flexibility to do testing in the home for free.

How do I administer the test?

- [Click here](#) for a full “how to” written guide in various languages
- [Click here](#) for a video of an individual self-testing



How do I submit results?

- **Submit Results:** You must submit positive test results to your student’s school nurse.
- **Confidentiality:** Positive test results are shared with your school district for informational purposes only. Individual results will remain confidential, and they will never be made public.