

PCCS Covid - 19 School Covid Testing Program 2021-2022

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Guardians and staff-

As part of steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep our school open for in-person learning, we will offer a free COVID-19 Testing Program.

Why Test? Testing is a mitigation effort that will help protect our students, staff, family members, and others who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 or are otherwise at risk for getting seriously sick from COVID-19.

Who will be tested? Testing will be available for PCCS children who have one of the more common symptoms or two of the less common symptoms, or who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19.

Additionally, in order to support staffing, testing is available to staff and children of staff (age 12 and under) who have one of the more common symptoms or two of the less common symptoms, or who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19.

How is the testing done? The PCCS COVID-19 testing options include:

1. Cue Testing

Procedure: This is a molecular NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification Test) rapid turnaround test that will be administered by trained PCCS staff at school. The test involves gentle swabbing of the inner part of the lower nostril. We do not use the longer swabs that reach higher into the nose. Each sample takes about 30 minutes to process.

Where and when is the testing done?

- Our school's testing site will be conducted by the Red Door entrance to the school
- Testing will be available on an as available appointment basis on **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 7:30am - 9:30am on school days**. Testing outside of these hours may be provided in exceptional circumstances when staff are available. If you have questions or wish to schedule an appointment email: covidtesting@prairiecreek.org or call the office during school hours.
- All children and staff who are tested will need to submit an informed consent waiver prior to testing. This form will only need to be completed once per school year. The waiver can be accessed [here](#).
- Cue tests will be administered on a first come, first served basis until that day's appointments are filled
- Children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian and await results in the North (red door entry) parking lot of the school

2. Vault Kit Testing

Procedure: This is a saliva sample test that provides a PCR result. PCCS provides a Vault kit free of charge to families who self-administer and then ship the test via UPS (Northfield option: Graphic Mailbox prior to 4:30pm).

How long does it take to get results? Results are emailed. Typically 24 - 48 hours.

3. BinaxNOW Antigen Testing

BinaxNOW antigen kits, one kit per student, are available in the office for at home use. We are not able to accept at home antigen test results at this time.

4. [BD Veritor](#) at home rapid antigen test kit (when available)

5. Community Testing Site Options

Update community testing site information can be found [here](#).

We are extremely grateful to our committed families and staff who continue to show great flexibility and resilience as we work together to contain the spread of this virus. If you have questions regarding the COVID-19 Testing Program, please reach out to:

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Sincerely,

Simon & Nurse Connie