



KISD HEALTH SERVICES

Dear Kaufman ISD Parents,

In Kaufman ISD, we are committed to doing all we can to keep staff and students healthy and safe. With this goal in mind, we are pleased to share that we will be taking part in a statewide program offering Covid rapid tests for use in schools. This program will allow Kaufman ISD to test symptomatic students and reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 in our school community.

Voluntary Targeted testing may be conducted, as needed, on students who present with COVID-19 symptoms while on campus and at home. Students with the following symptoms listed that are atypical for that individual can participate in Voluntary Targeted Testing:

Temperature > or = 100.0, loss of taste or smell, new uncontrolled cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, chills, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, shaking or exaggerated shivering, significant muscle pain or body aches, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting.

What COVID-19 tests are used in this program? This program uses [BinaxNOW tests](#), which provide results in 15 minutes and are administered using a nasal swab in the front area of the nostril. These tests have been shown to be highly accurate, with accuracy rates of 97-98% for symptomatic individuals.

Who will be tested and when? Rapid COVID-19 testing for symptomatic STUDENTS of Kaufman ISD. Students of Kaufman ISD who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms may voluntarily receive the rapid antigen BinaxNOW COVID-19 test on their campus.

Parental consent is required in writing for students under the age of eighteen before testing. Parent permission slips are available online, in the campus nurse's office, or sent home as needed. If parents choose to fill out the consent form in advance, the parent(s) will still be notified prior to testing.

1. Sick at Home: If a student is sick at home and they need a test, their parent may call the Campus Nurse and schedule a test. A drive-up test administration will be scheduled to reduce the risk of exposure to others on campus.

2. Sick at School – And Desires Testing: If a student experiences symptoms while at school and wishes to be tested they must proceed immediately to the isolation area in the nurse's office and await testing. A signed parental consent is required before testing.

If the test is **POSITIVE**, the student will be required to quarantine at home for 10 days. Parents will be encouraged to report their test result to their personal physician.

3. Sick at School – And Declines Testing: If a student experiences symptoms at school but chooses not to test, they should leave school immediately to reduce the possible spread of the virus. The student will be required to follow all quarantine protocols of Kaufman ISD.

How will the information from the tests be used? If a parent has given permission for Kaufman ISD to administer the BinaxNOW test for their child, your child's school will call you to let you know that your student is experiencing symptoms and that they will be administering a BinaxNOW test. The test administrator will also call you to share the results after the test has been administered. Additionally, the student's parent or guardian will receive test results via text within 30 minutes and will also receive a confirmation email within 24 hours.

What happens next? Tests will be available to all students who are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and have a signed consent form. To participate, parents must complete the attached form. If your child is experiencing symptoms and you would like for him/ her to be tested, please do NOT send him/her to school. Instead...please contact your Campus School Nurse for further information and to schedule an appointment for drive-thru testing of your child.

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