

OHA School Testing Table



Testing Options	Benefits	Intended Recipients	Test Distribution	Staffing	How Often & Where	FAQ	Registration & Contact Information
Diagnostic testing (BinaxNOW ¹)	Rapid identification of positive cases leading to reduction in spread.	Staff & students who develop symptoms during the school day, or who are close contacts of a COVID-19 case.	Test kits sent directly to private schools and to school districts for distribution to public schools.	Trained school testing administrator(s); no healthcare training required.	When students or staff develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 while on campus OR when a student or staff member has been exposed to COVID-19 through close contact with a case.	Click Here	Click Here Email: SchoolTesting.COVID@dhsosha.state.or.us
Enhanced Exposure Testing (BinaxNOW or iHealth)	Students or staff may continue to attend school regardless of participation. Schools may offer enhanced exposure testing to individuals in cohorts which include students at increased risk of severe disease or medically fragile individuals.	Staff & students in cohorts that include staff or students who are at increased risk of severe COVID-19, who were exposed to a known COVID-19 case.	Test kits sent directly to schools or school districts for distribution to public schools.	Trained school testing administrator(s); no healthcare training required.	In high-risk cohorts, schools should consider offering testing once to all individuals. In exceptional-risk cohorts, schools should consider offering testing to all individuals several times during the 10 days following exposure.	Click Here	Click Here Email: SchoolTesting.COVID@dhsosha.state.or.us
Return to School to Test (BinaxNOW)	Licensed nurse determines need based on symptoms and limited testing access in the school community.	Staff & students who develop symptoms outside of school.	Test kits sent directly to private schools and to school districts for distribution to public schools.	Only a licensed nurse working in collaboration with K-12 institutions may administer this program.	Per the discretion of the licensed nurse.	Click Here	Click Here Email: SchoolTesting.COVID@dhsosha.state.or.us

¹ Rapid antigen test via nasal swab