

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 TESTING

Should I have my child tested?

If the child is having symptoms:

- The Indiana State Department of Health recommends that children sent home with symptoms be tested for COVID-19. The most reliable test is the PCR nasal swab.
- If you have a primary care provider you may contact them for further instructions.

If the child is identified as a close contact:

- The Indiana State Department of Health encourages those identified as close contacts of confirmed cases of COVID-19 be tested 5-7 days after the known exposure to the case. This allows the health department to investigate and limit the spread of infection. You can be infected with COVID and spread it to others without experiencing any symptoms!
- A negative test does not allow your child to return to school sooner than 14 days since symptoms could start any time between 2 and 14 days after exposure.

In addition, rapid or antigen tests have a high false negative rate and therefore are not accepted for return to school in any circumstance.

Where is testing available for COVID-19?

Free local testing is available and does not require a Dr.'s order. You must make an appointment by following this link: <https://scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov>

- 308 W Market Street, Crawfordsville
10 AM -1 PM Monday, Friday
9 AM – 2 PM Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

You may contact your primary care provider for other options.

What if my child tests positive for COVID 19?

- Please notify your school nurse (contact info below)
- Please notify the Montgomery County Health Department at 765-364-6440 immediately. This allows measures to be taken to decrease the spread of the disease.
- Keep your child isolated to one room in your home, utilizing one bathroom when possible. Sanitize surfaces, practice good handwashing and wear masks!
- Provide documentation of the positive test to your school nurse

*NOTE – currently documentation of a positive test means the student will be exempt for 90 days (after the date of the test) from further quarantines as long as they remain symptom free.