

BinaxNOW OTC At-Home Testing Information

2021-22 SCHOOL COVID-19 TESTING PROGRAM

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Description of the test

BinaxNOW Over-the-Counter (OTC) At-Home test is an individual, diagnostic, rapid antigen COVID-19 test recommended for symptomatic people that utilizes a nasal swab. Results are available within 15 minutes of processing. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has purchased a limited supply of BinaxNOW OTC At-Home test through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The state intends to provide enough tests for every student though supply volume will determine how many tests the state can distribute to schools. These tests are available for schools at no cost. *This test is for students only.*

Considerations for use

- This type of test should be considered when rapid results are needed at home.
- Schools order tests to be sent home with students to be used at home as needed. The test can be particularly convenient if the student is experiencing symptoms and needs to quickly determine whether or not they have COVID-19.
- Even with a negative test result, a student who is experiencing symptoms should retest and should not return to school until symptoms have improved and the student has been fever free for 24 hours.
- This test is packaged with two tests per box so a student can test twice within three days, with at least 36 hours between tests. By testing more frequently, known as serial testing, COVID-19 may be detected more quickly, which helps reduce the spread of infection.
- BinaxNOW OTC At-Home test is recommended to be used for people who are symptomatic but may also be used for asymptomatic screening when people are being tested frequently or when confirmatory PCR tests are being used for negative results.
- The self-test is recommended for children as young as 2 years old when samples are collected by an adult, and for all people 15 and older if they are collecting the sample by themselves.
- When there is a positive test result, families should notify the school and schools should follow MDH and CDC quarantine guidance: [Best Practice Recommendations for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools for the 2021-22 School Year \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/schoolrecs.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/schoolrecs.pdf).
- When there is a negative test result and symptoms are present, a confirmatory lab-based COVID-19 test is highly recommended.

- BinaxNOW OTC At-Home testing is for personal use only and doesn't provide a documented test result that can be used when traveling.
- Information on test accuracy and any risks or side effects is available in the manufacturer's instructions: [BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Antigen Self-Test \(www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/product-details/binaxnow-covid-19-antigen-self-test-us.html\)](http://www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/product-details/binaxnow-covid-19-antigen-self-test-us.html).

Logistics and roles

- Ordering test kits requires a lead time of up to two weeks and could take longer depending on the available supply. Schools will order tests kits to be distributed to students at their discretion.
- Students should inform schools of positive results so that the school can take steps to prevent the spread of the virus to other students and staff.

Results

- The BinaxNOW OTC At-Home test is currently only for personal use and does not provide a record of test or result. Results are visually displayed on the test 15 minutes after the test is performed. Test results should not be read beyond 30 minutes after performing the test.
- When there is a positive test result, families should notify the school and schools should follow MDH and CDC quarantine guidance: [Best Practice Recommendations for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools for the 2021-22 School Year \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/schoolrecs.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/schoolrecs.pdf).
- When there is a negative test result, a confirmatory lab-based COVID-19 test is highly recommended if a student is experiencing symptoms. Please contact your health care provider.

Legal and consent

- **The State of Minnesota makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, regarding these tests, including the use, condition, and effectiveness of tests, or the accuracy of test results. The persons ordering and taking a test accept the test “as-is” and assume all risks associated with the test. The State of Minnesota assumes no responsibility for actual, consequential, incidental, special or exemplary damages resulting from, caused by, or associated with any test.**
- Each test is administered at home by the person taking the test. Schools may want to consider whether the person taking the test understands how the test works and any benefits or risks, or telling the person where they can find that information (refer to Abbot resources below).
- Schools may also want to consider whether parents and guardians are aware that the school may send a minor home with tests and consent to the minor receiving such tests, if necessary.
- Schools that choose to collect records or keep data on student testing must comply with relevant legal obligations relating to student records and data privacy, which may differ for each school.
- **Schools are strongly encouraged to consult with legal counsel with any questions. The State of Minnesota cannot provide legal advice to schools or districts and this document should not be relied on as legal advice.**

Cost

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has purchased a supply of BinaxNOW OTC At-Home tests through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These tests are available for schools at no cost to schools or families.

Vendor information

More information on Abbot Laboratories' BinaxNOW OTC At-Home test, including training, FAQs, and support, can be found at [BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Antigen Self-Test \(www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/product-details/binaxnow-covid-19-antigen-self-test-us.html\)](http://www.globalpointofcare.abbott/en/product-details/binaxnow-covid-19-antigen-self-test-us.html).

Training: [BinaxNOW: What You Need to Know \(www.abbott.com/corpnewsroom/diagnostics-testing/BinaxNOW-what-you-need-to-know.html\)](http://www.abbott.com/corpnewsroom/diagnostics-testing/BinaxNOW-what-you-need-to-know.html).

How to order tests

Order BinaxNOW OTC At-Home tests:

- **Order form:** [Abbott BinaxNOW OTC Test Kit Request Form \(one-time supply\) \(https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=3J8TDDC7E4HJPNNM\)](https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=3J8TDDC7E4HJPNNM)
 - **Note:** these tests come in boxes of six test kits per box. You will distribute individual kits to students.
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For more information

For any questions pertaining to the use of the BinaxNOW OTC At-Home test, please contact Abbott Labs at:

Telephone: 1-877-441-7440

Hours: 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. (EST), Monday – Friday



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