



# Cue Testing Information

## 2021-22 SCHOOL COVID-19 TESTING PROGRAM

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### Description of the test

The Cue test is an individual, diagnostic, rapid molecular COVID-19 test that uses a nasal swab. Results are available within 20 minutes of processing. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has received a limited supply of Cue tests through a grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These tests will be made available to schools at no cost.

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### Considerations for use

- This type of test should be considered when rapid results are needed.
- Cue may be used for people who are either symptomatic or asymptomatic.
- Adults who are administering the test to people should understand and implement Standard Precautions for infection prevention, including the proper use of personal protection equipment (PPE) as needed for the situation.
  - [CDC: Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions \(www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/non-us-settings/overview/#standard-based-precautions\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/non-us-settings/overview/#standard-based-precautions)
  - [OSHA: COVID-19 Healthcare Emergency Temporary Standard \(ETS\) \(www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets\)](https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets)
- The test administrator, which may be a school staff person or outside provider, will be able to see the test results. Refer to the [Legal and consent](#) section below.
- The person administering the test will need to download the Cue Health app.<sup>1</sup>
  - [Cue Health on the App Store \(https://apps.apple.com/us/app/cue-health/id1448897162\)](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/cue-health/id1448897162)
  - [Cue Health - Apps on Google Play \(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cuehealth.healthapp\)](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.cuehealth.healthapp)

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<sup>1</sup> Reference to any specific commercial products, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer, or otherwise, does not constitute or imply its endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the State.

- There is a limit of six tests per mobile device that can be processed at one time. The person administering the test needs a compatible school-issued mobile device: [Cue Health App Compatible Devices & System Requirements \(www.cuehealth.com/help-and-support/compatible-devices/\)](http://www.cuehealth.com/help-and-support/compatible-devices/).
- Trained adult staff should test children 2 years of age and older: [The Cue™ COVID-19 Test for Home and Over The Counter \(OTC\) Use \(www.cuehealth.com/documentation/home-otc/Cue\\_COVID-19\\_OTC\\_Test\\_Instructions\\_For\\_Use\\_\(IFU\).pdf\)](http://www.cuehealth.com/documentation/home-otc/Cue_COVID-19_OTC_Test_Instructions_For_Use_(IFU).pdf).
- When there is a positive test result, 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).
- If a student or staff member develops symptoms during the school day, a Cue rapid test is a way to find out if COVID-19 is present. Schools interested in this option should keep a supply of tests available for quick deployment as needed. Even if the test result is negative, students and staff with symptoms of illness should be sent home until symptoms improve and they have been fever free for 24 hours. If symptoms persist, families are encouraged to connect with health care provider or seek another testing opportunity.
- Information on test accuracy and any risks or side effects is available in the manufacturer's instructions: [The Cue™ COVID-19 Test for Home and Over The Counter \(OTC\) Use \(www.cuehealth.com/documentation/home-otc/Cue\\_COVID-19\\_OTC\\_Test\\_Instructions\\_For\\_Use\\_\(IFU\).pdf\)](http://www.cuehealth.com/documentation/home-otc/Cue_COVID-19_OTC_Test_Instructions_For_Use_(IFU).pdf).
- **Please note:** Minnesota has a limited supply of free Cue tests available for schools.

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## Logistics and roles

- Ordering requires a lead time of up to two weeks.
- The nasal swab needs to be collected by a nurse or other trained staff member for anyone under the age of 18.
- It is anticipated that testing each person will take approximately 30 minutes. This includes time for changing PPE, swabbing the person, waiting for results, and recording results. The person administering the test will be able to complete additional tasks during the wait time of approximately 20 minutes. This is an estimate only and schools will have their own discretion to optimize the process to meet their needs.

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## Results

- Results are typically available within 20 minutes. Results are reported from the person administering the test to the individual upon receiving the result. Schools will need to develop protocols for communicating test results to parents, guardians, and students.
- Results and case reporting requirements:
  - Schools must report lab results (positive and negative) and cases to MDH. Reporting of cases of infectious diseases and related conditions is a vital step in controlling and preventing the spread of communicable disease. By law a number of infectious diseases must be reported to the Minnesota Department of Health; this includes cases, suspected cases, and carriers. [Minnesota Rule 4605.7050 \(www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4605.7050/\)](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4605.7050/).

- Refer to [Reporting COVID-19 Test Results for Schools: Cue and BinaxNOW Professional \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/reportcb.pdf\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/reportcb.pdf) for required instructions. This information will also be provided when schools order Cue tests so they know how to report test result information to MDH.
- Cases of COVID-19 [caused by SARS-CoV-2] are reportable under the Minnesota Disease Reporting rule. Schools are mandated reporters under 4605.7070 specifically: [Minnesota Rule 4605.7070 \(www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4605.7070/\)](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/4605.7070/).
- More information on reporting communicable diseases to the Minnesota Department of Health can be found at [Reportable Disease Rule \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/rule/index.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/reportable/rule/index.html).

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## 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.**
- The person administering the test must ensure that the person taking a test has given informed consent to take the test. The person should work with a parent or guardian as necessary to ensure they understand and fully complete any informed consent requirements.
- Individual schools and school districts must determine how to manage consent. This includes ensuring each person being tested completes the necessary informed consent, and may include consent to sharing information with the person administering the test and, if applicable, the school or school district before the test is performed.
- **Schools are strongly encouraged to consult with legal counsel. The State of Minnesota cannot provide legal advice to schools or districts and this document should not be relied on as legal advice.**
- Schools may be subject to federal and state laws that govern student data and health records, which may include the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Different schools may have different federal and state obligations, including those that apply to student and health data.
- Minnesota Statutes, Section 13.04, Subdivision 2 requires those subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act to provide a “Tennessee Warning” containing specific information before collecting private or confidential data concerning individuals.

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## Cost

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has received a limited supply of Cue tests through a grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These tests will be made available to schools at no cost

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## Vendor information

More information can be found on [Cue Health \(www.cuehealth.com\)](http://www.cuehealth.com).

Information available includes:

- The [Cue Health COVID-19 Diagnostic Test \(www.cuehealth.com/products/how-Cue-detects-covid-19/\)](http://www.cuehealth.com/products/how-Cue-detects-covid-19/).
- Product documentation, frequently asked questions, and training videos can be found on [Cue Health Help & Support \(www.cuehealth.com/help-and-support/\)](http://www.cuehealth.com/help-and-support/).

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## How to order tests

- Order Cue test materials at [Cue COVID-19 Test \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/cue.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/cue.html) (order form is near bottom of page).
- Schools will need test cartridges, test readers, and swab kits.
  - One test cartridge per test.
  - One test reader per 200 test cartridges ordered.
  - One swab kit per 100 tests for each test reader.

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## Receipt of tests

The Cue test cartridges and swab packs you receive may have a printed expiration date on the box that is past the current date (expired). These tests have had their expiration date extended by the FDA. Documentation will be sent with our order confirmation.

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## For more information

For technical support from Cue:

1-833-283-8378

[support@cuehealth.com](mailto:support@cuehealth.com)



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