BACKGROUND

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) is excited to provide COVID-19 antigen tests free of charge to Kentucky’s K-12 schools in the 2022-23 school year. This program is possible through a partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to promote safe in-person learning. The federally supplied test kits are limited and may not be available for the entire school year. School districts are encouraged to use the testing kits as part of their COVID-19 testing programs at schools within your district.

POINT OF CARE (POC) TESTING SUPPLIES

Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Cards

The following are requirements to receive (POC) tests:
- Maintain a CLIA license or waiver.
- Train staff to administer the tests on-site at school per manufacturer’s instructions.
- Obtain informed consent from the appropriate person or parent/guardian prior to testing.
- Test results are available within 15 minutes.
- Counsel patients based on their results.
- Report positive POC antigen results per 902 KAR 2:020E through KHIE Direct Data Entry.

OVER THE COUNTER (OTC) TESTING SUPPLIES

Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Self Tests

- Over-the-counter (OTC) tests are intended for at-home personal use and are not intended for use by school staff for in-school testing.
- Tests may be provided for potentially exposed household family members of student/staff members.
- Test results are available within 15 minutes.
- There are no federal or state requirements for reporting the results of OTC tests.
- Each kit contains two tests. Each person should receive a kit (i.e., do not split up tests within a kit). If ordering tests for 100 students/staff request 200 tests.

CONTACTS

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