

Free In-District COVID-19 Testing Opens on Oct. 27



In collaboration with the Washington State Department of Health, tomorrow, Wednesday, October 27th, our school district will begin participating in a program called Learn to Return to provide voluntary and free in-district COVID-19 testing. This testing opportunity will be incorporated into our existing district safety protocols as a convenient option to further help contain the virus, protect our communities, and keep students and staff safe and healthy.

Here is how the voluntary testing program will work:

Test Site Access: Teachers, staff, students, and members of their household who require a COVID-19 test may access a testing site that serves just our school district. We will offer PCR laboratory COVID-19 tests at no cost, with results generally available the morning after the test sample is collected.

- *Location: North City Elementary School (816 NE 190th St.)*
- *Availability: Drive up or pre-register through your school*
- *Times: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm*
- *Days of operation: open school days only (not weekends or holidays)*
- *Start date: Wednesday, October 27*

Testing Procedures:

Informed consent: Individuals to be tested (or their parent/guardian, as appropriate) must complete an informed consent form, available online [Student Consent Form](#) - [Adult Consent Form](#), at the testing site or at any district school.

1. *Nasal swab tests:* We're partnering with a company called AtlasGenomics to provide test kits, analyze samples, and provide PCR laboratory test results. Samples are collected by the individual (or their parent/guardian) using a painless nasal swab, under the observation of a trained test administrator.
2. *Test results:* Positive test results will be reported to parents/guardians, students 18 and over, or staff, as well as District test administrators. The District will continue to follow the Department of Health flowchart for quarantine and isolation protocols for those with positive test results. School nurses will assist with quarantine/isolation guidance for students, and staff should follow the DOH flowchart found on the [district's website](#).
3. *Contact tracing:* As usual, every positive case will be reported to Public Health – Seattle & King County for case investigation and contact tracing, in order to reduce spread of the COVID-19 virus and keep our schools as safe as possible for students and staff.

This testing protocol fits into our larger strategy to contain and control the virus, and all of our protocols are guided by the Department of Health and CDC. Please see our district [COVID-19 Safety Guide](#) here.

Our goal is to put the best possible strategies in place so that our teachers, staff, students and families feel safe, protected, and comfortable focusing on teaching and learning—and so our students can get the great education they deserve

If you can't make it to the above testing site, please see the UW testing site on next page.