

Salinas City Elementary School District

SCESD Testing Plan Outline CDPH Rapid Testing Program

Plan: *Keep Kids and Staff in School*

Under this plan, the Testing Team will conduct tests on an as needed basis. We will provide on-site access to testing for those with symptoms or close contacts of cases, to limit missed school and work days.

Type of Test: *Antigen and Over the Counter (OTC)*

A Rapid Antigen test will be used to determine if an individual is positive or negative for Covid-19. The sample is collected via a nasal swab of each nostril. The test results will be available 15 minutes after the test is administered.

Over the counter (OTC), at home test kits will also be available for staff and students.

Population: *Staff and Students*

Staff and students, regardless of vaccination status, will have the opportunity to test on-site or receive an at home test kit.

- On site tests will only be conducted to those who have provided consent to be tested through Primary.Health.
- If an individual is not consented to be tested on site, an at home test kit will be provided to test at home.
- Results of the at home test will be shared with the COVID Team

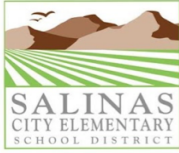
Frequency: *As Needed*

Staff and students will be offered testing on an as needed basis.

Close contacts will be offered on site testing or an OTC test within 3-5 days after contact with the positive individual.

Persons who test positive for Covid-19, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection, will be required to stay home for at least 5 days. A person may be able to return to work or school IF:

- Symptoms are not present or are resolving
- AND**
- Test negative on or after Day 5 (a confirmatory negative test is needed for staff to return to work)



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If unable to test, choosing not to test or testing positive on Day 5 (or later), isolation can end after Day 10 IF:

- Fever-free for 24hrs without the use of fever reducing medications.

Primary Health Registration:

Students and staff will have the option to register into the Primary Health Online System. Staff and students will be able to sign the consent form electronically to be tested on site.

Testing Team:

The testing team will consist of properly trained staff to implement the testing process. “Trained Staff” may be, but not limited to: District Nurse, site LVN, site Health Tech, or any other Administrative personnel.

The Team will consist of 5 roles (*an individual may take on more than one role*):

- Check-In - Performs check-in and associates the BinaxNOW card with the staff member or student.
- Swab-Supervisor/Assistant - Monitors and/or assists with collection of sample
- Tester - Performs the BinaxNOW test.
- Reader - Tracks the time of the test. Read the results.
- Data Entry - Enters the data into the software platform.

Testing Process:

Step 1: Register and consent prior to testing day

- Staff and students/parents register electronically through Primary.Health ahead of time.

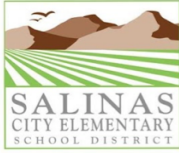
Step 2: Check- in (on testing day)

- Identify staff and students in Primary.Health and confirm their identity and information.
- Use the QR code on a newly opened BinaxNOW card to associate the test with the person.
- After check-in, open a test kit and mark it with the participant's initials.

Step 3: Swabbing (on testing day)

- Swab nares to collect the sample.
- Once swabbing is complete, perform and read the tests.





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Step 4: Performing the Tests

- Testing personnel applies reagent to BinaxNOW card, then accepts swab and inserts swab into card, twists swab 3 times, and seals the card.
- Testing personnel then records the time the swab was inserted into the card and starts the timer.

Step 5: Reading the Tests and Communicating Results

- BinaxNOW cards should be read after 15 minutes, and before 30 minutes. Once read, each result must be recorded on the Primary.Health software data platform.
- Ideally two individuals independently read the results and take a photograph of the results.
- Negative results are communicated electronically to staff and parents of students tested. The results will also be shared with a limited number of previously designated administrative staff.
- Positive results can be communicated electronically, but in the event of a positive or ambiguous test result, a confidential phone call or in-person discussion of the result will be done in a private area.
- All results must be logged into Primary.Health and include a picture of the test for quality control purposes.

Notification of Results:

Positive Results - positive results will be communicated to the staff or student's parent/guardian immediately via phone call. Results can also be viewed via Primary.Health

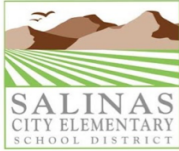
Negative Results - Can be viewed online via Primary.Health. Please note, negative results **will not** be communicated via phone.

Disposal of BinaxNOW Cards

Once the result is finalized and recorded, disposal of BinaxNOW cards is determined based on a negative or positive result. Per CDPH Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Medical Waste Management - Interim Guidelines, waste from COVID-19 positive patients must be handled as standard regulated medical waste (RMW). Guidelines for handling COVID-19 materials, including used swabs and test components, are as follows:

- If the test is negative, test components can be placed in a regular trash bag.





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- If the test is positive, these items must be placed in a red biohazard container that is certified to meet the ASTM D1709 dart drop test and kept in a properly marked biohazard container with a lid.
 - All biohazard bags/containers must also be labeled with the generator name, address, and phone number. If the integrity of the primary bag is compromised in any way (leaks, tears, etc.), a compliant secondary bag must be used.
 - When the biohazard bag is ready for transport offsite, it must be tied off and placed into a USDOT-approved container lined with a biohazard bag that is ASTM D1709 and ASTM D1922 certified.

Reporting

Legal Requirements

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 2505 requires laboratories to report laboratory test results for reportable diseases, including SARS-CoV-2. Schools using the State's CDPH K-12 school CLIA Certificate of Waiver and California clinical laboratory registration are acting as laboratories, and therefore must agree to report test results to the local public health department (via CALREDIE in most counties).

CalREDIE

In order to report to CalREDIE you will need a CLIA number. Primary.Health will grant your school use of the CDPH School Antigen Testing Program's CLIA number once you have completed all training requirements within the Primary.Health platform. Primary.Health will facilitate reporting all logged results to the public health department.