

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – COVID-19 SALIVA PCR TESTING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

PURPOSE

In partnership with Wichita State University’s Molecular Diagnostics Lab (MDL), Wichita Public Schools is offering **asymptomatic saliva PCR testing to WPS/First Student staff, students, and their household family members**. This service is free of charge and will be offered for asymptomatic modified quarantine testing by appointment only. Please call (316) 469-3595 to schedule appointments. Mobile clinics for asymptomatic testing will be scheduled and offered across the district. PCR testing is also available to symptomatic individuals who are referred from the Rapid Antigen Testing Center.

WHAT KIND OF TEST IS IT?

The Yale SalivaDirect is a PCR test. PCR stands for “polymerase chain reaction” and refers to a molecular test that can detect genetic material of the virus present in the saliva specimen. This test is able to detect an active COVID-19 infection. It is not used to determine whether or not COVID antibodies are present, indicating prior infection. Specimen collection is simple and the test is self-administered under the supervision of the COVID Testing Center staff. **Prior to testing, individuals cannot eat, drink, brush teeth/use mouthwash, chew gum/mints, or use any form of tobacco for at least 30 minutes before providing a saliva sample.**

PCR TESTING FOR 7-DAY MODIFIED QUARANTINE

For individuals who wish to follow a modified quarantine period after being identified as a close contact of a positive case, PCR testing on Day 6 or after can be obtained. As long as the individual remains asymptomatic, a negative result on Day 6 or after releases the individual to resume normal activities on Day 8, as they continue to monitor for symptom development through Day 14 post-exposure. **Individuals are not eligible for modified quarantine if they are experiencing ANY symptoms of COVID-19, which include cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, fever, chills, body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, fatigue, or congestion.**

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY TEST IS POSITIVE?

The SalivaDirect PCR is a diagnostic tool and positive test results indicate a high likelihood of current COVID-19 infection. Individuals will receive a notice of results with further instructions on how to proceed if the test results are positive.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY TEST IS NEGATIVE?

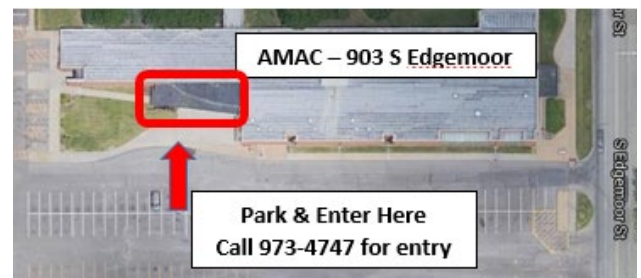
For individuals who are not considered a close contact of a positive case, and are asymptomatic, a negative PCR result is confirmation that there is no current COVID-19 infection. For individuals who are a close contact of a positive case, please see “PCR Testing for 7-Day Modified Quarantine” above.

WILL MY PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION BE SHARED? IS THIS CONFIDENTIAL?

Participation in the WPS Saliva PCR Testing program is completely voluntary. In order to receive a PCR test, you will have to provide some personal information, including date of birth, address, phone number, and other demographic information. This information is required by the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory. Testing will be supervised by trained district Registered Nurses and Health Services staff, who utilize the information to compile data and report results to the building administrator, school nurse, Director of Health Services, and Employee Benefits (staff only).

HOW DO I GET TESTED?

- Any USD 259 staff member (and any immediate family members), students, and First Student employees are welcome to test with no referral necessary
- Testing will be conducted **by appointment only**, between the hours of 8am – 3pm, Monday through Friday (when school is in session) and on other select hours/days as determined by district leadership. **Please call (316) 469-3595** to schedule an appointment. Additional mobile clinic sites will be scheduled and offered across the district.
- Testing location: AMAC – 903 S Edgemoor, Room 510
- Park in the lot between AMAC and Curtis Middle School, on the southwest end near the employee entrance (Door 7)
- If you are an employee, scan your badge to unlock Door 7. If you do not have an employee badge, call the number posted on the door **(316-973-4747)** and testing center staff will let you in the building.
- Room 510 is located down the first hallway as you enter through Door 7, and is on the right side of the hall about ¾ of the way down.
- If you are having COVID-19 symptoms, do not enter the building. Call (316) 469-3595 to schedule a rapid antigen test. You will be referred for a PCR test if needed.





WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DRIVE-UP COVID-19 RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

PURPOSE

In conjunction with KDHE, Wichita Public Schools is offering **rapid antigen testing to symptomatic WPS/First Student staff, students, and their household family members** in order to provide a convenient and efficient mode of diagnostic testing for COVID-19. The program will provide quick and free-of-charge access to testing, ensuring that contact tracing can begin promptly for those testing positive, which helps stop the spread of COVID-19 in our school district. Additionally, if a staff member or student has tested negative, they may return to work/school and associated activities sooner once COVID-19 is ruled out as a cause for their symptoms.

WHO CAN BE TESTED?

At this time, we will only be testing **symptomatic WPS/First Student staff, students, and their household family members**. To be eligible for testing you must be experiencing **one** of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing or new loss of taste or smell; **OR two** of the following symptoms: temperature of $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$, chills, body/muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion/runny nose. It is recommended to test between Day 2-5 of symptom onset for the most accurate results.

WHAT KIND OF TEST IS IT?

WPS will be using the Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen card. The testing sample is obtained by a simple nasal swab (inserted approximately 1 inch into each nostril, rotated five times). Results are available in approximately 20-30 minutes. Trained Registered Nurses and Health Services staff will collect the samples.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY TEST IS POSITIVE?

The BinaxNOW antigen test is a diagnostic tool in symptomatic individuals and all positive results will be processed as such without requiring any further confirmation testing. Staff and students will receive an official notice of results with instructions on how to proceed if the test is positive.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY TEST IS NEGATIVE?

As long as symptoms have been present for 5 days or less, a negative test result will be considered evidence enough to permit individuals to resume normal activities, as long as they are not experiencing a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater without the use of fever-reducing medications. If symptoms have been present for more than 5 days, and a negative test result is obtained, the individual will be referred to receive a confirmation saliva PCR test, which can also be administered at the AMAC COVID Testing Center. All individuals tested will receive an official notice of results with instructions on how to proceed if the test is negative.

WILL MY PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION BE SHARED? IS THIS CONFIDENTIAL?

Participation in the WPS rapid testing program is completely voluntary. In order to receive a rapid test, you will have to provide some personal information, including date of birth, address, phone number, and description of symptoms. This information is required by both KDHE (as part of the pilot program) and by WPS (in order to determine how to proceed once test results are obtained). Testing will be performed by trained district Registered Nurses and Health Services staff, who will utilize the information to compile data to submit to KDHE/SCHD and report results to the building administrator, school nurse, Director of Health Services, and Employee Benefits (staff only).

HOW DO I SCHEDULE TESTING?

- Any WPS/First Student staff, students, and their household family members are welcome to be tested – no referral is necessary
- Testing will be conducted **by appointment only between 9am - 3pm, Monday – Friday (when school is in session)**
- Call (316) 469-3595 to schedule testing appointment
- Testing location: AMAC – 903 S. Edgemoor (see map)
- Park in one of the designated parking spots (see map)
- Call (316) 469-3595 when you arrive - testing will occur inside your vehicle.

