

Dearborn Public Schools is now offering students and staff who were close contacts at school the opportunity to get daily rapid tests for COVID-19 to avoid quarantining. Testing is only for district students and staff who were told they were a close contact at school and who do not have symptoms.

Staff and students who were exposed outside of a school setting or who have symptoms need to go to a medical provider to get tested for COVID. The district does not accept the results of at-home tests.

The school testing program is not available to the public.

With a recent change in [quarantine guidelines](#), the district hopes the testing program will allow more students to stay in school instead of being forced to quarantine at home after they are exposed to COVID.

Testing times and locations include:

- Salina Intermediate: Monday - Thursday from 7 - 8 a.m. AND 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- Fordson High: Monday - Friday from 7 - 9 a.m. AND Monday - Thursday from 3 - 4 p.m.
- Edsel Ford High: Monday - Thursday from 6:40 - 7:40 a.m. AND 3 - 4 p.m.
- Dearborn High: Monday - Thursday from 3 - 6 p.m.

Testing is optional and free to eligible students and staff. Parent permission is required before the first test. Permission forms can be [completed online](#), printed and brought to the site (see below), or completed at the testing location.

Students who are unvaccinated and were a close contact at school (within three feet) must get tested daily for the first seven days after their exposure to be allowed to stay in class. Any negative COVID test result within a 24-hour period from the school or a medical provider is acceptable to allow students to continue to attend classes.

Students who have a positive rapid test will need to self-isolate until they can follow up with a PCR test from a health care provider.

In some cases, quarantine will still be required, but it may be lessened by testing.

Quarantine rules apply even if students or staff are exposed to COVID outside of school. The vast majority of [COVID cases that have been reported on school grounds](#) came from students and staff exposed to the virus outside of school. Those who know or suspect they were exposed to COVID outside of school are encouraged to get tested at a medical facility.

Resources:

[Online testing permission form \(English and Arabic\)](#)

[Printable testing permission form \(English\)](#)

[Printable testing permission form \(Arabic\)](#)

[Staff online testing permission form](#)

[COVID quarantine guidelines](#)