COVID-19 SALIVA TESTING FOR STUDENTS



MDH announced a recommendation for all school-age youth returning to school, youth sports, or extracurricular activities, and their families, to get tested every two (2) weeks through the end of the school year. While it is not a requirement, regular testing complements other safety measures already in place, such as masking and social distancing.

Schools and youth organizations can send messages and resources available on COVID-19 Testing for Kids to families to encourage testing. Getting tested every 2 weeks from now until the end of the school year can help keep schools open and sports operating, and ensure we are limiting the spread of COVID-19.

- 1. Students order tests: Vault-at-Home Program
- 2. Tests is NO COST to students.
- 3. Students complete their test at home.
 - Students seal their sample tube and place it in the supplied biohazard bag.
 - Place biohazard bag in UPS bag that came with test.
 - Make sure shipping label is on UPS bag (if no label it will not be taken to UPS).
 - Students can take the sealed bag to UPS themselves or -
 - Students can bring their sealed UPS bag to school any day throughout the week.
 - Students take UPS bag to school Main Office and District will take to UPS.
 - PACKAGE TRACKING Student is responsible for tracking his/her own UPS package.
- 4. To help students comply with MDH's testing guidance and use at-home tests as a screening tool:
 - Students can test on any day of the week.
 - Students will need to have a Vault-at-Home kit on hand at home to complete.
 - Once students receive notice that their sample is being processed at the lab, they can order another Vault-At-Home kit for their next test.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Order your kit in advance.
- ✓ There is NO COST to you.
- ✓ You can check the status of your test kit by logging onto the Vault website (note that shipping and delivery does not happen on Sundays or holidays).
- ✓ If you need a test immediately, visit <u>Find Testing Locations</u> for in-person options.
- ✓ If you need an accommodation for a disability or require translation services please email: accessibility@vaulthealth.com

