

# COVID-19 Home Test Process



In conjunction with the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Education, and Hamilton County Educational Service Center, Forest Hills School District will now be able to offer COVID-19 home testing kits free of charge to the students and staff of FHSD.

The test that will be offered is the Abbott BinaxNOW rapid antigen test. There is a free telehealth visit to assist in the facilitation and authentication of the test. The home testing process is a voluntary process.

**School personnel will offer the home test to parent/guardian/staff for the following reasons.**

## The test will be offered if

- A student/staff is symptomatic via school observation or parent report (no confirmed contact circle is required)

CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2
One of the following symptoms	Two of the following symptoms
Cough	Fever
Shortness of breath	Chills
Difficulty breathing	Rigors (chills with shaking)
New loss of smell	Myalgia (body aches)
New loss of taste	Headache
	Sore throat
	Nausea or vomiting
	Diarrhea
	Fatigue
	Congestion or runny nose

- Student/staff is within a known contact circle
  - The student has been identified as a close contact in school or outside of the school setting

## Parent, Guardian or Staff member may request a test if

- The request is based on the possible impact of student or staff health
- Fully vaccinated staff or student is showing symptoms (see above)

## What does not qualify for a free home test

- Testing for non-school related events
- Will not be used for regular diagnostic screening pre or post-school events

## Can home testing be used to decrease quarantine time

- **NO**, FHSD will still be following our current 10-day quarantine without testing to reduce days

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The Abbott BinaxNOW rapid antigen test will be handed to the parent/guardian/staff to administer at home in conjunction with TeleHealth. The test WILL NOT be handed to students to take home

**The patient will be required to download NAVICA APP and follow video instructions.**



When a student is testing, a parent/guardian must be present during a telehealth visit.

The test **will not** be administered by school personnel.

What equipment/software does an individual need to perform the test?

- Windows or Mac/Apple laptop with a webcam (or a desktop computer with an adjustable/ moveable webcam), microphone, and speaker;
- An Apple phone/tablet or an Android phone/tablet, with the NAVICA app from Abbott downloaded;
- An email address; and
- An internet connection

If you do not have access to the needed technology to perform tests, please contact the building health aide or school nurse.

We would ask that test results be shared with the nurse/health aide to determine the potential impact on the health and safety of students and staff.

## **Reliability**

The fact that antigen tests, (this test) generally have lower sensitivity but consistently high specificity, means there is some risk of false negatives. The antigen test generally does not generate false positives when the test is administered according to instructions.

**If you still have questions please feel free to contact your school's Health Office**

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