

Devine ISD Plan for COVID-19 Rapid Testing

Goal of Testing: With guidance from the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM), Center for Disease Control (CDC), Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Medina County Health Department, Devine ISD will be implementing a phased-in approach to BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 testing. Rapid antigen based testing will potentially give Devine ISD the ability to quickly identify and isolate individuals who test positive for COVID-19 before they can transmit the virus to others. In turn, this will help reduce the amount of absences for individuals waiting on test results and help to fast track treatment and quarantine protocols for individuals who test positive and their close contacts. **Participation in BinaxNOW rapid COVID-19 testing is voluntary according to each individual's preference, and minors will not be administered the test without a parent's consent.**

Testing coordinator and testing administrator were chosen from guidelines provided by TEA. These documents are available with Dr. Todd Grandjean, Mr. Daryl Wendel, and Nurse Joslyn Wilson.

Testing Program Coordinator (Point of Contact): Dr. Todd Grandjean

Backups: Daryl Wendel and Joslyn Wilson

Test Administrators (Overseer of Testing) : Dr. Todd Grandjean

4 Categories to COVID-19 testing:

CAT 1: Rapid COVID-19 testing for symptomatic staff members only.

CAT 2: Rapid COVID-19 testing for symptomatic students. Individuals less than the age of 18 must have parent/guardian permission before testing can be performed.

CAT 3: Rapid COVID-19 testing same as phase 1 and 2 with the addition of asymptomatic and exposure to COVID staff members.

CAT 4: Rapid COVID-19 testing same as phases 1, 2, and 3 but adding asymptomatic and exposure to COVID students. Individuals less than the age of 18 must have parent/guardian permission before testing can be performed.

CAT 1 Protocol: Voluntary Symptomatic Staff Members

CAT 1 is voluntary testing for symptomatic staff members at Devine ISD. **No one will be required to take a test.** They may voluntarily receive the rapid antigen BinaxNOW COVID-19 test after scheduling with the Devine ISD Health Office at a time when a test administrator is available. The symptoms must be consistent with the current guidelines from the CDC and WCCHD. Symptoms are listed below:

1. Sick at Home: If a staff member is sick at home and they want a test, they may call the Central Office and schedule this test. We will offer a drive up to the back of Central Office (for privacy) and perform the test outside to reduce the risk of exposure to others. Test administrators will be provided PPE to reduce the risk of exposure.
2. Sick at School: If a staff member gets sick while at school, he/she will be asked to immediately go to the isolation room and may volunteer to receive a test. If the staff member chooses not to test or wishes to go home, he/she may do so immediately. This must be done quickly to reduce the spread of the virus.
 - If the test is negative, the staff member may still follow up with his/her physician to rule out COVID or receive an alternative diagnosis.
 - If the test is positive, the staff member will be required to stay home for 10 days from initial symptoms. He/she will also be encouraged to call his/her physician to let him know.

Symptoms of COVID: (list from CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

CAT 2 Protocol: Voluntary Symptomatic Students

CAT 2 is voluntary testing of symptomatic students at Devine ISD. The symptoms must be consistent with the current guidelines from the CDC and WCCHD. No student will be required to take the test and all students must have parent permission prior to having the test performed. Because of our campuses being rural and most parents working all over central Texas, parent permission may be received over the phone by parent or legal guardian. Parent permission slips will be available online, in the health office, and will be sent home with information about the test. If the form is filled out in advance, the parents will still be notified prior to any testing.

- If the test is negative, the symptomatic student will be sent home following symptomatic protocol. The student should still follow-up with his/her physician to rule out COVID or receive an alternative diagnosis.
- If the test is positive, the student will be required to stay home for 10 days From the onset of symptoms and at least 24 hours of no symptoms.. They will also be encouraged to call his/her physician to let him know.

CAT 3 Protocol: Voluntary Asymptomatic Staff Members

CAT 3 is voluntary testing of asymptomatic staff members and close contact staff members. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a COVID positive individual for greater than 15 consecutive minutes without other protocols in place, as indicated through CDC, DSHS, TEA, and Medina County Health. The staff members are not required to have symptoms. This is voluntary testing and will be performed as long as testing kits are available. These tests will be scheduled when a test administrator is available.

- If results come back negative, the staff member is not symptomatic and has no history of exposure the/she can return to work.
- If the results come back negative, the staff member is asymptomatic. However, if the staff member has a history of exposure/close contact, then that staff member must still remain on quarantine. A negative test doesn't allow the individual to be removed from quarantine. It may still take up to 14 days to test positive if there were an exposure.

CAT 4 Protocol: Voluntary Asymptomatic Students

CAT 4 is voluntary testing of asymptomatic students and close contact students. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a COVID positive individual for greater than 15 consecutive minutes without other protocols in place, as indicated through CDC, DSHS, TEA, and Medina County Health. . The students are not required to have symptoms. Parent permission must be provided prior to any testing. Because of our campuses' being rural and most parents working all over central Texas, parent permission may be received over the phone. Parent permission slips will be available online, in the health office, and will be sent home with information about the test. The voluntary testing will be available as long as testing kits are available. These tests will be scheduled when a test administrator is available.

- If results come back negative, the student is asymptomatic and has no history of exposure he/she can return to school.
- If the results come back negative, the student is asymptomatic. However, if the student has a history of exposure/close contact, then that student must still remain on quarantine. A negative test doesn't allow the individual to be removed from quarantine. It may still take up to 14 days to test positive if there was an exposure.
- If the results come back positive, the student must follow quarantine protocols. The student will be asked to follow-up with their physician and stay home for 10 days.

Devine ISD plans to implement each category within the week of January 18, 2021.

All test results will be submitted to Medina County Health, DSHS, and TDEM as required.