



Resources for Oklahoma Schools to Provide COVID-19 Testing

Federally funded programs for COVID-19 testing in schools are available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including \$10 Billion in funding, for K-12 schools to set up regular testing for students and staff.

Rapid Antigen Tests

1 Oklahoma Schools COVID-19 Prevention Program/OSDE Project 723

Supported by a grant from the CDC and in partnership with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, enrollment in the Oklahoma Schools COVID-19 Prevention Project 723 provides schools with access to rapid testing supplies along with additional funding to support COVID reduction in school settings. To participate, schools should make a good faith effort to test 5% of the total school population each month for COVID-19. This can include students, teachers, staff, volunteers, etc. — anyone who is present for any part of the day in the individual school.

The program will run through July 31, 2023. Funding is on a "first-come, first-served" basis and all Oklahoma schools, public and private, are encouraged to apply.

For more information and to apply:

[Oklahoma Schools COVID-19 Prevention Project 723](#) (OSDE website)

[Oklahoma Schools COVID-19 Prevention Program](#) (OSDH website)

2 OSDH BigCommerce and McKesson Supply Manager

Schools can request free rapid testing supplies through the OSDH BigCommerce ordering portal [BigCommerce](#). Choose "Get Started" to set up an account. Schools will use the BigCommerce portal until testing supplies in the OSDH warehouse have been exhausted and will then transition to using the McKesson Supply Manager online platform to order their free testing supplies. Schools will be notified when they need to begin using the McKesson Supply Manager.

PCR Testing

1 Operation Expanded Testing

Enrollment in Operation Expanded Testing provides schools with access to PCR testing that can be done with existing staff; no medical staff are needed. Enrollment in the program will provide training on how and by whom specimens can be collected. The process is user friendly and made for school districts of all resource levels. Test results are available within 24 to 48 hours of collection. Two specimens are collected on each individual. PCR testing is conducted on pooled samples of 24. If the pool is positive, then each individual within the pool is tested. Individual results will be reported by the testing lab directly to OSDH. These results do not need to be reported through the State Infection Reporting System (SIRS). A CLIA license is not required since testing is conducted at an offsite lab.

For more information and to apply: [Operation Expanded Testing](#)

Additional Resources and Information

Contact your local [County Health Department](#) or (405) 522-0001 with questions, concerns, or support for controlling COVID-19 within your schools or if you have an unusual exposure situation.

Use the free resources the CDC has created for schools and Early Care and Education (ECE) programs.

- [Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions for K-12 and Early Care and Education \(ECE\) Settings](#)

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