



Easton School District No. 28

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COVID-19 RAPID TESTING FACTS

HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS FROM THE COVID RAPID TEST?

- The Easton school district nurse, Rachel Henderson, or the office admin staff will either call or text you. We will notify you within an hour of your test.

WHAT DOES A COVID RAPID TEST TELL ME?

- Think of this test as a snapshot in time, like going on a roller coaster. If you test too early (just when you get on the roller coaster) the test can come back as a false negative. You are infected but your viral load is not high enough to detect or show symptoms. We want to catch the virus near the top of the roller coaster before heading down the fast track. Data shows 5 days after infection is best for most accurate testing with the rapid antigen tests.

I CAME IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID, CAN I USE THIS TEST TO RETURN TO SCHOOL?

- Short answer is no. If you learn that you or your children have come in contact with a person with COVID-19 or develop symptoms of COVID-19 please call the school office and let us know. We will walk you through the situation and steps needed to return to school. Each situation is different and will require different guidance.

MY CHILD STARTED TO DEVELOP SYMPTOMS TWO DAYS AFTER COMING TO THIS TESTING CLINIC AND THEY TESTED NEGATIVE TWO DAYS AGO, CAN THEY COME TO SCHOOL?

- NO, remember this test represents a snapshot in time only. At that time your child tested negative however two days from now represents a different snapshot in time and your child could now have COVID-19. Please follow DOH protocol. Stay home and get your child tested for COVID at the COVID Clinic before returning to school.

YOUR RAPID ANTIGEN TEST IS NEGATIVE, NOW WHAT?

- A negative test result for this test means that antigens from SARS-CoV-2 were not detected in your sample so you may not have COVID-19. However, a negative result does not rule out COVID-19 and should not be used as a pass to stop practicing social distancing and other COVID-19 prevention measures. A negative COVID-19 test means you likely did not have COVID-19 at the time you were tested. You could have been tested too early to be detected or could be exposed to COVID-19 after the test and get infected then. Please continue to follow DOH sick protocol. Stay home when you are ill, get tested, mask and social distance.



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YOUR RAPID ANTIGEN TEST IS POSITIVE, NOW WHAT?

- A positive rapid antigen test result for COVID-19 indicates that you have COVID-19 and are presumed to be contagious. The Easton school district nurse will call you. Please isolate at home immediately. A KCPHD case investigator will be following up with you within 48 hours. The KCPHD requests that you notify your close contacts. A close contact is defined as someone who you were with for more than 15 minutes and closer than six feet up to two days before you developed symptoms or two days before you tested positive.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A RAPID ANTIGEN TEST FROM TODAY AND OTHER COVID TESTS, LIKE A PCR TEST I RECEIVED FROM THE KVH CLINIC?

- There are different kinds of tests for diagnosing COVID19. Molecular tests (also known as PCR tests) detect genetic material from the virus. Antigen tests detect proteins from the virus. Antigen tests are very specific for the virus, but are not as sensitive as molecular tests. This means that a positive result is highly accurate, but a negative result does not rule out infection. If you are symptomatic or have been in contact with a known positive case please follow quarantine procedures. Get a PCR test on day 5-7 and do not return to school until day 8 post exposure and symptom free on day 8.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the Easton School District Nurse, Rachel Henderson at hendersonr@easton.wednet.edu.