

# K-12 COVID-19 Testing Program

**KDHE has set up a K-12 testing program to support the safe re-opening of schools. This program offers testing resources and support to all districts and schools interested in participating in screening or diagnostic testing.**

Rapid antigen tests, called Abbott BinaxNOW tests, are the primary tests offered as part of this program. The test takes 15 minutes to get results and can be used to identify early positive COVID-19 cases with the goal of early isolation of cases and quarantine of close contacts to reduce the spread of the virus. There is no cost to use the BinaxNOW tests when provided by the state.

Please read the below information on how to get involved in the program. **If interested in participating, please reach out to Lacey Kennett, KDHE Preparedness Public Information Officer at [Lacey.Kennett@ks.gov](mailto:Lacey.Kennett@ks.gov) or (785) 296-1984 to get onboarded.**

## Five simple steps to get started testing in your district



### Determine testing strategies

- Diagnostic: testing symptomatic or close contacts
- Screening: testing asymptomatic population at regular frequency (e.g. athletes, choir, etc.)

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**Districts are required to obtain a CLIA certificate of waiver prior before administering tests. KDHE can assist with this to make it easy. Only one certificate is needed per district.**

- The application can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#)
- Please email [KDHE.CLIA2@ks.gov](mailto:KDHE.CLIA2@ks.gov) to submit form and ask any clarifying questions

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**Districts must order tests through their county Emergency Manager (EM)**

- Districts can find their county EM [here](#)
- For more ordering instructions, please refer to this [form](#)

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**School personnel who will oversee the testing process should complete training videos prior to performing testing**

- Watch required training videos on Abbott ([here](#)) & KDHE websites ([here](#))

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**Districts must report all antigen test results within 24 hours**

- Can be done through online COVID reporting portal or LabXchange electronic order system