

COVID-19 Testing Programs for Missouri K-12 Schools

Available to all Missouri public, private and charter schools

COVID-19 Screening Testing Program

Overview:

- Uses pooled testing to test groups of consenting students and staff every week during the 2021-2022 school year
- Provided through a partnership with [Concentric by Gingko Bioworks](#)

Designed to:

- Help schools identify positive cases early to safely maintain in-person learning
- Provide resources and staffing for the entire testing process, from registration through reporting

Application:

[Screening Testing Application](#)

An application **must be** completed to participate in the screening testing program

More information:

[Missouri COVID-19 Screening Testing for K-12 Schools Program Guide](#)

Contact:

k12ScreeningTesting@health.mo.gov

BinaxNOW Antigen Testing Program

Overview:

- Provides rapid antigen test kits at no cost for schools
- Tests can be administered to students and staff for:
 1. Symptomatic testing
 2. Asymptomatic testing, including **Test to Stay***
 3. Testing out of quarantine
 4. Testing individuals from positive pools identified in the screening testing program

Designed to:

- Help schools safely deliver in-person learning to as many students as possible

Application:

[BinaxNOW Antigen Testing Application](#)

An application **must be** completed to receive BinaxNOW antigen tests to administer at school

More information:

[Missouri BinaxNOW Antigen Testing Program for K-12 Schools](#)

Contact:

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****Test to Stay** allows a close contact (following COVID-19 exposure in the K-12 school setting) to continue school activities during the quarantine period through frequent testing. More information is available in the [Missouri School COVID-19 Operating Guidance](#).*

Supplemental Funding Program

Overview:

- Schools/districts will receive \$200 per person x population of participating buildings up to \$600,000 to support their COVID-19 prevention and detection activities.
- Allowable expenses include staff time, PPE, cleaning supplies, outreach materials, etc.
- To be eligible for supplemental funding, a school or school district **must participate in at least one** of the COVID-19 testing programs above.

Application:

[Supplemental Funding Application](#)

More information: [Overview of Supplemental Funding for K-12 Schools Participating in COVID-19 Testing Programs](#)