

Free In-Home Rapid Antigen COVID-19 Testing Available from Austin Public Health

To schedule a home test, call 512-972-5560. Testing is **FREE**.

Who should get in-home rapid antigen tests? Staff or students with one or more of these COVID-19-like symptoms:

- Feeling feverish or having a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or body aches
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

Who can get a rapid test at home? Staff or students with COVID-19-like symptoms who live in Austin/Travis County and have been on campus for work, school, or other activities at the following Title I schools (schools list is subject to change):

Elementary Schools

- Allison
- Barbara Jordan
- Barrington
- Blazier
- Brown
- Cook
- Graham
- Guerrero Thompson
- Hart
- Houston
- Langford
- Linder
- McBee
- Overton
- Padron
- Palm
- Perez
- Pickle
- Reilly
- Rodriguez
- Uphaus
- Walnut Creek
- Webb Primary
- Widen
- Wooldridge

Middle Schools

- Dobie
- Garcia YMLA
- Mendez
- Webb

High Schools

- LBJ
- Navarro
- Northeast



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What is the test like? The test is administered with a nasal swab (to the shallow front of the nostrils only). You will get your rapid antigen test results in 15 minutes during the home visit.

Who will do the test? An Austin Public Health clinical staff person will come to the person's home at an agreed date and time to perform the test.

If rapid antigen test result is positive: The person who tested positive (or their parents) should notify the school immediately. They must isolate and not return to school until:

- 10 days have passed since symptoms started, AND
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND
- other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving*

**Loss of taste and smell may last for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation*

If rapid antigen test result is negative: A negative antigen rapid test should be followed by a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test. This can be done during the same in-home visit. The person must isolate until the PCR test results are ready. This takes 3 to 5 days.

- **If PCR test is negative**, the person does not have COVID-19 at the time of testing. To find out when students who are negative for COVID but ill with other symptoms can return to school, contact the campus health room staff. Symptomatic staff with a negative result should contact the AISD leave office at leaveoffice@austinisd.org to find out when they can return to work.
- **If PCR test is positive**, the person has COVID-19. The person who tested positive (or their parents) should notify the school immediately. The person must isolate and should not return to school until:
 - 10 days have passed since symptoms started, AND
 - 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND
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