

COVID-19 Testing For Students and Staff

For information about reopening Rhode Island's schools, district learning plans, and Pre K-12 outbreak response protocols, visit back2schoolri.com. Information about testing for children in the general public (non-Pre K-12 testing) is available at <https://health.ri.gov/covid/testing/children/>

How and when will I receive my results?

Rapid Tests (For those with symptoms only):

- Staff who have COVID-19 symptoms and get a test at the Rhode Island Convention Center will get the result of their rapid test before they leave the site.
- Staff and students who have COVID-19 symptoms and get a test at any other Pre K-12 test site can obtain the results of their rapid test by calling the Pre K-12 COVID-19 test scheduling service at [844-857-1814](tel:844-857-1814).

PCR Tests:

- Anyone who gets a PCR test will get their result from Dominion Diagnostics in two days (48 hours). Results are available on their patient portal here: <https://www.lifepoint40.com/DOMINION/lpi3/?event=PatientPortal:auth.login>. Please wait at least 24 hours before registering for this portal so the lab can receive your sample and process your information.

If you have symptoms, isolate yourself from other people in your home as much as possible while you wait for your results. If you are an asymptomatic close contact, stay home and follow quarantine guidance while you wait for your results. Guidance about isolation and quarantine can be found at health.ri.gov/diseases/ncov2019/#quarantine.

What happens if a student or staff member tests positive?

- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 needs to isolate for at least 10 days. After 10 days, you can return to school if you have been fever-free for 24 hours without using a fever-reducing medicine, and if symptoms have improved. If you tested positive but do not have symptoms, you must isolate for 10 days after you had your COVID-19 test.
- A case investigator will call you to talk about what you need to do. Anything you tell the case investigator is confidential and is only used for public health purposes. RIDOH will also talk with your school district to decide if any other people need to quarantine.

What happens if a student or staff member tests negative?

- If the result of your rapid test is negative, you must remain in isolation while you wait for the result of your PCR test. If the result of your PCR test is negative, you can go back to work or school after symptoms have improved and you have been fever-free for 24 hours without using a fever-reducing medication. Do not go to work or school if you feel sick.
- If you were the close contact of a positive case, you need to complete your quarantine period even if your PCR test result is negative.

Next steps:

- Please remember to call [844-857-1814](tel:844-857-1814) for the results of your rapid test and to check [Dominion Diagnostics](#) for the results of your PCR test after 48 hours. Please wait 24 hours before registering for this portal.
- If you have additional questions please call the Pre K-12 COVID-19 test scheduling service at [844-857-1814](tel:844-857-1814).
- If you have the opportunity, we welcome you to take a five-minute survey on your testing experience, which can be found at tpl.fyi/schools.

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