

# FACT SHEET

## Testing: PCR Self Collection and Rapid Antigen for Symptomatic Students and Staff

	PCR Self-Collection (for use while supplies last)	Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)
<b>Positive Result</b>	<p>Individuals who test positive on a COVID-19 PCR test should isolate immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully vaccinated or 11 yrs. and under (regardless of vaccination status) – 5 days of isolation* and until symptoms are improving for 24 hrs (48 hrs for gastrointestinal symptoms).</li> <li>Unvaccinated/partially/immune-compromised – 10 days of isolation and until symptoms are improving for 24 hrs (48 hrs for gastrointestinal symptoms).</li> <li>Household members** do not need to isolate if they are asymptomatic and any of the following apply:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» They have previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days,</li> <li>» They are 18 + and boosted</li> <li>» They are under 18 years old and are fully vaccinated</li> </ul> </li> <li>Household members that do not meet the above criteria must self-isolate while the positive person is self-isolating.</li> </ul>	<p>A positive RAT is highly indicative that the individual has COVID-19. Individuals who test positive should isolate immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully vaccinated or 11 yrs. and under (regardless of vaccination status) – 5 days of isolation* and until symptoms are improving for 24 hrs (48 hrs for gastrointestinal symptoms).</li> <li>Unvaccinated/partially/immune-compromised – 10 days of isolation and until symptoms are improving for 24 hrs (48 hrs for gastrointestinal symptoms).</li> <li>Household members** do not need to isolate if they are asymptomatic and any of the following apply:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» They have previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days,</li> <li>» They are 18 + and boosted</li> <li>» They are under 18 years old and are fully vaccinated</li> </ul> </li> <li>Household members that do not meet the above criteria must self-isolate while the positive person is self-isolating.</li> </ul> <p>A positive RAT does NOT need to be confirmed with a PCR test. Positive RATs do NOT need to be reported to the public health unit, school or child care.</p>
<p><i>*For 10 days after symptom onset (or 20 days for immunocompromised individuals), you must wear a mask outside the home, avoid activities that require mask removal in public (like playing a wind instrument or high contact sports), and avoid visiting high risk settings or anyone vulnerable. Distancing is encouraged when masks are removed to eat in a school or child care setting.</i></p> <p><i>**Asymptomatic household contacts who are not required to isolate must self-monitor for 10 days following last exposure, and follow the measures as outlined above.</i></p>		
<b>Negative Result</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay home until symptoms have been improving for 24 hrs (48 hrs for gastrointestinal symptoms).</li> <li>Asymptomatic household members who are required to self-isolate can discontinue isolation when the symptomatic individual receives a negative result.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If two consecutive RATs, separated by 24-48 hrs, are both negative, the symptomatic individual is less likely to have COVID-19 infection, and the individual should isolate until symptoms are improving for at least 24 hrs (or 48hrs for gastrointestinal symptoms).</li> <li>Asymptomatic household members who are required to self-isolate can discontinue isolation when the symptomatic individual receives two negative RAT results.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Note: There is no requirement for parents/guardian(s) to report the result of their child's PCR/RAT to the school. After completing the required isolation period, a negative test result is not required to return to school.</b></p>		