

Weston Public Schools



COVID-19 Testing Program Enrollment Process

This Document is Only for Staff Enrollment

Registration and Consent Process:

1. Go to <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma>
2. Select **Consent Now**
3. In the district dropdown **Select Weston**
4. Select your school
5. Select **Sign Consent for Yourself**
6. Complete consent

****Once consent is received, you will be eligible for all three testing formats: Test-to-Stay, Symptomatic Testing, Weekly Covid Safety Screening (formerly Pool Testing)****

Testing Program Components:

Symptomatic testing is used when an individual is showing symptoms of COVID-19 during school. Some symptoms of the virus look identical to other illnesses like the cold or flu, and this test tells us whether a symptomatic student has COVID-19 or not. This is a rapid test, and we receive the results of this test within 15 minutes. If you have minimal symptoms and test negative, you can remain in school. **You should not come to school that day if they are feeling sick with any COVID or cold symptoms.** If you have symptoms at home, please contact the building-based school nurse.

Routine COVID safety checks minimize disruption to learning by helping us catch potential spread of the virus before it starts. Each individual administers the safety check on a weekly basis (***beginning Tuesday September 21st***). Samples are collected at school in groups of 5-10 staff members, and grouped together at school. Once the samples get to the lab, all the samples in the group are tested for COVID-19 together. In almost all cases, it will take less than 24 hours to receive safety check results. You can continue to come to school while awaiting safety check results; you do not need to quarantine while awaiting results. If a safety check test is positive for COVID, a second individual sample that is also collected at the time of the group sample will automatically be processed to determine which individual(s) in the group produced the positive test.

Secondary (Grades 6-12) Testing

Staff who consent to routine safety checks at the High School and the Middle School will report to the covered walkway between the Middle and High School adjacent to the Middle School loop. They should report at the time of arrival to school, and prior to their first class. If you miss the testing window prior to the start of school, you can report to that same walkway location for testing at the end of the school day.

Elementary (PK-5) Testing

Staff who consent to routine safety checks will be tested during the school day. Samples will be collected in the hallways outside of your classrooms

Test-to-stay allows individuals who have had close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 **while at school** to stay in school if she/he is not showing symptoms. Instead of needing to quarantine and miss school, you will take a daily rapid test beginning the same or the next school day. You may remain in school as long as you are not symptomatic and the test results are negative for COVID-19. Individuals will participate in daily testing for five days after exposure.

Any staff member who is identified as a close contact as a result of an exposure outside of school MUST complete a 7-10 day at home quarantine, as determined by a local board of health. Those staff who are fully vaccinated may attend school if fully asymptomatic. If you become symptomatic during the quarantine period, then you must stay home and contact your building-based nurse for testing.

**While weekly testing is encouraged and available, it is not mandatory with the exception of those staff who are unvaccinated. Your participation, including vaccinated individuals, in weekly testing provides an additional tool in our mitigation toolbox and the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the movement of COVID-19 within Weston and beyond. The information obtained from weekly testing data informs our mitigation efforts moving forward. The more individuals who test, the more data we have to inform changes.*

**Participation in weekly testing will be counted toward fulfillment of the bi-weekly testing requirement for unvaccinated individuals.*

Customer Support

Please contact CIC Health customer support with any questions or concerns:
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What Testing Is:

Testing is a glimpse or snapshot in time and represents the individual's COVID-19 status only at the moment the sample is taken. Testing provides an additional tool in our mitigation toolbox and the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the movement of COVID-19 within Weston and beyond. To date, we have not seen an in-school spread of COVID-19 in Weston. The more staff that participate in weekly testing, the more we will know about the Coronavirus-status of our community.

What Testing Is Not:

It is NOT a safety pass. It does not confer safety, nor does it reduce risk when engaging in social activities. It is NOT permission to travel or engage in other high-risk activities.

- If you are symptomatic outside of school, or identified as a close contact outside of school, please continue to follow current WPS Covid-19 protocols to remain home and seek testing through your provider or public testing site. You can also contact your school nurse for help. Testing of symptomatic individuals puts school staff, including nurses, at risk of contracting the virus and should only be conducted when medically necessary. Please do your part and remain home if you develop symptoms, following all current procedures for returning to school.
- If you develop symptoms while at school, you should continue to follow the current WPS Covid-19 Policy and immediately seek an assessment by your building-based school nurse. If warranted, a rapid antigen test will be conducted at this time.

Limitations of Testing:

- Testing is not recommended if you have been diagnosed with Covid-19 within the past three months.
- In-school testing should not be accessed to meet any formal travel requirements.
- While Binax-At-Home is an inexpensive and convenient tool to indicate COVID infection, all unsupervised testing **MUST** be followed by a confirmatory PCR test. Furthermore, Binax-At-Home cannot be used to test out early from an at-home quarantine. Please contact your building-based nurse to discuss the next steps.