

COVID-19 Screening Tests for In-Person Learning

WHY CREATE A COVID-19 TESTING PLAN?

Testing can allow for early identification of cases to prevent transmission of COVID-19. We understand implementing testing can be daunting, so here is a guide on how to implement effective and sustainable COVID-19 screening!



PLAN

Define your Target Population

- Who will be tested and how often?
- This will help determine your testing capacity & frequency

Establish Safety Procedures

- Outline the logistics - who, when, where, and how will the tests be administered?
- This ensures your testing plan is feasible and effective

Choose Screening Tests

- Decide to partner with an external lab/manufacturer or conduct testing "in-house"

Inform your Community

- Notify parents, students, and staff of your testing plan



ADMINISTER

Obtain Necessary Permission

- Ensure you have all necessary parent permission forms & legal documents

Train/Hire Staff

- If school staff are involved with testing, make sure they are trained and ready

Setup Testing Location

- Prepare testing area with supplies and safety precautions

Administer Tests

- Collect specimen and record results in a database
- Be prepared for positive cases, quarantine protocols, & parent notifications



REPORT

You may need to report test results to an appropriate health department.

**Click on the link below to determine if you will need to report results yourself*

WHAT IS A CLIA WAIVER?

Depending on which test you decide to use, you may need a CLIA waiver. You may obtain a CLIA waiver through your state, district, or partnering with an external lab.

**Click on the link below for more information*

CLICK HERE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & RESOURCES: cprc.usc.edu/school-resources

CHECKLIST TO IMPLEMENT TESTING

BEFORE TESTING →

1



Create a testing plan



2 Research updated testing requirements



3 Decide to hire a testing company or test "in-house"



4 Obtain approval & permission



5 Purchase tests & supplies



6 Inform the community & train staff



7 Implement testing