



COVID-19 K-12 TESTING SUPPORT

The MDHHS COVID-19 Testing Collection and Coordination (TCC) team is committed to continuously supporting your efforts to maintain a seamless education program throughout the pandemic. As the nature of the pandemic evolves, the TCC team aims to strengthen our partnership with you. Throughout our partnership there have been many insightful learning experiences and we are requesting your input into strategies to increase value to your COVID-19 related programs. This includes but is not limited to increasing Health Resource Advocates (HRAs), testing programs, communication, and support through the MI Backpack OTC program. Your input and participation are critical to making this partnership a success!

To further support you, we would like to meet with you to discuss your ideas for improvements to provide the best possible solutions during the next phase of the pandemic.

Agenda Items

- MI Safe School Antigen Testing Program
- Health Resource Advocate (HRA) Program
- MI Backpack at home testing program
- Multiplex Fall testing option
- Open Forum

Intermediate School District Meeting (ISD)

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 @ 10a

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 858 5169 0190

Passcode: **c01GCG**

Superintendent District Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 @ 10a

[Zoom](#)



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Charter School Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2022 @ 10a

[Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 858 5169 0190

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Non-Public/Parochial School Meeting

Friday, March 25, 2022 @ 10a

[Zoom](#)

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For more information or questions please contact MDHHS-COVIDTestingSupport@michigan.gov





COVID-19 K-12 Testing Update

Updated School Test Ordering Process & Reporting Requirements

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Testing Collection and Coordination Team would like to provide updates regarding school testing. There will be a more streamlined approach to ordering testing supplies, along with the expectation that your district remains at or above 80% utilization rate (identified through reporting) to ensure MDHHS can fulfill your requested testing order in full.

80% Reporting Requirement

MDHHS initiated a “Pause and Count” week to obtain information from school related entities about remaining inventory due to lack of reporting of test results. Inadequate test result reporting or over-ordering of supplies can jeopardize MDHHS’ ability to equitably distribute testing resources to other vulnerable populations. During the Pause and Count initiative, MDHHS informed sites that 80% of supplies sent after the Pause and Count week must be reported for sites to be eligible to receive additional supply shipments. It is imperative that reporting is completed for several reasons.

1. Reporting of COVID-19 test use is a federal requirement
2. Reporting assists with public health and infection prevention strategy implementation, and
3. Reporting demonstrates good stewardship of MDHHS’ investment in these valuable resources to enable continued investment and support.

Reporting less than 80% of tests provided can lead to a **delay or decrease** in the amount of testing supplies you receive.

Ordering Process Update

MDHHS has implemented an updated antigen test ordering process to support testing in Public Schools. The **school request form will no longer be active for public schools to use**, which means public schools will need to communicate with their districts regarding the quantity of tests they need. The school test ordering process can be found below:

School Districts, ISDs, Charter Schools, Non-Public Schools - Ordering Process:

1. **Public Schools will** reach out to their school districts to provide a quantity for the number of testing kits they will need.
 - This may be a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly check-in between public schools and school districts to ensure all schools have adequate resources.
2. **School Districts, ISD, Charter Schools, and Non-Public Schools will** order directly from the [School District Antigen COVID Test Ordering Form](#). Orders will be reviewed by MDHHS and shipped directly to the point of contact and address listed on the form.

State, Local, and Federal reporting requirements for antigen tests are satisfied by utilizing the [Michigan Antigen Testing Results](#) portal.

- Positive results must be reported individually within 4 hours of completion of the test.
- Negative results may be reported as an aggregate number within 24 hours of completion of the test.
 - Facilities that wish to, may continue to provide individual negative results.

Additional reporting guidance can be found here- [MI COVID Antigen Reporting](#)

As MDHHS plans to streamline the school test ordering process along with updating the current reporting requirements, **we ask that you join the Testing Collection and Coordination teams' office hours** on Friday from 8 am - 8:30 am or Monday from 4 pm - 4:30 pm for a quick presentation on the updates. The meeting invites are provided below:

[Friday Office Hours](#)

[Monday Office Hours](#)

For questions about COVID-19 testing MDHHS-COVIDTestingSupport@michigan.gov