

Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Antigen Tests for Schools



Any school district, school or youth organization serving Alaska students can request **FREE at-home antigen COVID-19 test kits via this online portal: alaska-hero.canallic.com.**

Why over-the counter tests?

These kits are a convenient way for students, faculty, and school staff to get tested for COVID-19. Over-the-counter tests can be self-administered at home or at school in a matter of minutes and are designed to be easy to use.

When over-the-counter tests are useful

- To check for possible COVID-19 cases, if a student is experiencing symptoms.
- To test close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- To test people before they attend an in-person event.
- To ensure classroom safety with regular testing.

How should these be distributed to students, faculty and staff?

- Each school is different. Some schools keep test kits with the school nurse while others may choose to have them in a convenient location in the front office for parents to pick up as needed.
- Please distribute these kits in the manner that is best for your school. The goal is to protect in-person learning by keeping infectious children home and limiting COVID-19 cases within schools.

More information

- All the needed materials (including a nasal swab and easy-to-follow instructions) are included in the box.
- Each at-home test kit comes with two cards for two separate tests. If either one of the two test results are positive, people should consider themselves positive. A subsequent negative card does not overrule a positive.
- The results from these tests do not need to be reported to the Alaska Section of Epidemiology. Please do report positive results to your school nurse or however you would normally report them.
- More information about at-home tests is available at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html.

Using Your Over-The-Counter Antigen Test Kit.

Follow Instructions Precisely.

