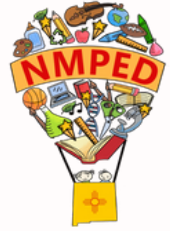


NMPED & NMDOH

Testing updates



Beginning this month, we are offering a new onsite testing option for staff and students. BinaxNOW antigen tests are free of charge to schools. Tests may be administered by school nurses, health assistants, or other trained staff. Results are available in minutes!

VOLUNTARY STUDENT TESTING

Student testing will begin no later than April 26, 2021. Families may opt-in to surveillance testing, but no individual student is required to participate.

In addition:

- With consent from guardians of minor children, or from students who have reached the age of majority, schools have weekly testing goals of 1% of students in the general testing pool and 10% of those participating in activities/athletics.
- Students who attend school in-person who have not been vaccinated and who have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days may be part of the student testing pool.
- Testing may happen through BinaxNOW, VAULT at-home/in-school testing, or Curative testing at school.



STAFF SURVEILLANCE TESTING

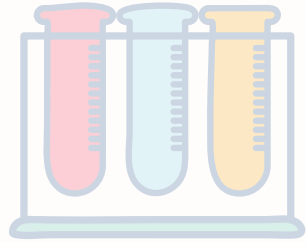


Staff who work onsite and have not been vaccinated and who have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days are required to continue participating in surveillance testing weekly at:

- 25% in red counties
- 12.5% in yellow & green counties
- 5% in turquoise counties

Testing may happen through:

- BinaxNOW onsite
- VAULT at-home/in-school
- Curative testing sites
- Public Health Office testing sites



CHRONIC CONDITIONS & DISABILITIES

Schools may use BinaxNOW tests for staff and students with chronic conditions such as allergies or asthma that present with mild COVID-19 like symptoms; individuals with negative test results may return to class without a doctor's diagnosis. Students with IEPs or 504 plans whose disabilities restrict their ability to wear a mask may participate in school remotely or may participate in person if an IEP team or 504 team determines that weekly COVID-19 testing is an appropriate intervention that will keep the student and school community safe

QUESTIONS?

For questions about testing options at your school, please contact your local administrator.

