

# K-12 Quarantine Alternative Pilot Program

## Parent or Guardian Consent

You have opted for your child to participate in the K-12 Quarantine Alternative Pilot Program. Please read this form carefully.

If your child is a direct contact and you do not agree to have your child tested as part of the K-12 Quarantine Alternative Pilot Program, you must follow standard quarantine policies.

### **What is the purpose of the K-12 Quarantine Alternative Pilot Program?**

The purpose of the K-12 Quarantine Alternative Pilot Program is to assess whether the child who is a direct contact needs to stay home and miss school. The pilot program will evaluate an alternative quarantine program of masking, testing, and monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms while attending school. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), in collaboration with the participating schools and the Warren County Combined Health District, shall promptly evaluate the data collected through this pilot program to assess the effectiveness of the program by looking for trends in case counts, outbreaks, conversion to a positive case among contacts, and mitigation of disease spread, thereby allowing more children to attend in-person activities safely.

### **Why am I receiving this form?**

You are receiving this form because your child had direct exposure to a positive case of COVID-19 at school. Your child is eligible for the K-12 Quarantine Alternative Pilot Program.

### **What will happen to my child during the K-12 Quarantine Alternative Pilot Program?**

This pilot uses mask wearing and frequent testing to keep healthy students in school and keep sick students at home. School will continue as usual during the pilot.

The standard quarantine for students identified as direct contacts in school is 10 days. Families have the choice to test their child, using a PCR or antigen test on or after day 5. If the test is negative and the child remains symptom free, they can return to school on day 8. Students and parents will monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for a full 14 days after the date of last exposure.

In participating pilot schools, children who are found to be direct contacts may stay in school if, with parental consent, they follow the program guidelines:

1. The student wears a mask indoors for at least seven days.
2. The student maintains social distance from others.
3. The student tests twice for COVID-19 through the school's testing program during the seven days following exposure.
4. During the quarantine period, the student cannot participate in extracurricular activities.

### **How does the Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Home Test Kit work?**

The test being used is called the "BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card". It is made by Abbott Laboratories. The test detects tiny pieces of the coronavirus called proteins. The test can be performed quickly with results in about 20 minutes. There is an at-home version of the test, as well as a professional version for any testing that needs to be administered at school. For the at-home version, a parent/guardian should create an account using Abbott's NAVICA app on a

smart phone or at [www.mynavica.abbott](http://www.mynavica.abbott), and then create a managed profile for any child who will be testing. Testing is initiated by going to [ohio.emed.com](http://ohio.emed.com).

*Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test Sensitivity and Specificity:*

According to FDA documents, the BinaxNOW gave a positive result 84.6% of the time compared to PCR. Additional studies indicate a lower percentage at 78.6% for asymptomatic individuals. Adding serial testing (more than 1 test) will capture additional false negatives, approaching PCR test rates.

[BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card - Instructions for Use](#)

[Evaluation of Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Test for SARS-CoV-2 Infection at Two Community-Based Testing Sites — Pima County, Arizona, November 3–17, 2020 | MMWR](#)

The Home Test Kit provides one rapid antigen test for COVID-19 to be used at home with a telehealth provider. All families using the home test kit should follow the Ohio Department of Health User Guide: Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Home Test Kit – User Guide

*Procedures for administering the At-Home Test Kit:*

1. The school will provide two Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Home Test kits to students who qualify for the pilot program.
2. The school will provide two testing dates to the student and parent or guardian:
  - a. The first test will be conducted as soon as the school is able upon knowledge of exposure to the positive case.
  - b. The second test will be conducted on days 5-7 after exposure.
3. For each test, the student's parent or guardian will login or create a NAVICA account, including managed profiles for each of their students that are participating in the pilot program.
4. Parents or guardians will go to [ohio.emed.com](http://ohio.emed.com) to start the testing process.
5. Parents will follow the instructions provided by eMed and administer the test under the guidance of the eMed telehealth provider/proctor.
6. eMed will verify test results and explain the results of the test.
7. If the test result is positive, the information will be provided to the local health department and the student must not return to school until no longer infectious, as advised by the local health department.
8. Test results are emailed to the parent/guardian and are available on the NAVICA app.
9. The parent or guardian will provide a copy of the test results to the school.
10. Schools will verify and track student participation and test results.
11. Schools will report any positive cases to the local health department as they are made aware of the positive test result.

*Tests performed without a telehealth visit do NOT satisfy testing requirements of the K-12 Alternative Quarantine Pilot Program.*

**OR**

***Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen In-school Professional Test Kit***

The In-school Test Kit is designed to be administered on-site by a trained professional. The school is responsible for obtaining CLIA laboratory waivers, provider orders for tests, and reporting the results to local authorities.

1. Schools will provide the following:
  - a. On-site testing location
  - b. Test administrator
  - c. Validation and reporting of test results to local authorities.
1. The student process may vary for each school but will include:
  - a. The first test will be conducted on the first available testing time after knowledge of exposure to the positive case and after the consent form is completed by the parent or/ guardian.
  - b. The student is administered a second test on days 5-7 five to seven of the last exposure.
  - c. Schools will verify and track student participation and test results.
  - d. If the test result is positive, the information will be provided to the local health department and the student must not return to school until no longer infectious, as advised by the local health department.
  - e. During this period, the student should be monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19 for a full 14 days.

**How often will the children be tested?**

If a child is a direct contact, the child will be tested two times. The first test will be given immediately upon identification that the student is a direct contact of a positive case after the parent or guardian has completed this form. The second test will be conducted on days 5-7 after the last day of exposure.

**Will I get the results of any tests performed on my child?**

Yes, you will get your child's test result if they are tested. Your child's test results will not be shared with any other parents or students.

**What will happen if my child has a positive coronavirus test?**

If your child has a positive test, the child will need to isolate and stay home from school. You will need to plan to keep your child in isolation and away from other children and other family members as much as possible. And you'll need to wear a mask to protect yourself when you are close to your child. Isolation can last up to 10 days after a positive COVID-19 test. The local health department will give you more information if this happens.

**How long will this pilot last?**

This full evaluation will last several weeks. You may opt into the K-12 Quarantine Alternative Pilot Program anytime your child is identified as a direct contact of a positive case.

**What are the benefits of this pilot?**

The biggest benefit to this evaluation is that we will learn about the appropriate procedures for schools to follow when they have COVID-19 cases in their school. We will learn whether children who are identified as direct contacts can safely remain in school if they mask, maintain physical distance, and test twice during the seven days following last known exposure.

Another benefit to you and your child is learning whether your child has COVID-19. Knowing your child has COVID-19 can allow you to protect your family members and you by taking the appropriate steps in the home.

**What are the risks of this pilot?**

Children who are found to be direct contacts even though they are wearing masks might have COVID-19. They might expose other children to COVID-19. By testing these children twice, if they do have COVID-19, they will be found quickly and will then be required to isolate and stay home. This way, the risks to other children are reduced.

The swab test may be uncomfortable for your child while it is being performed but this is uncommon.

**Who is sponsoring this pilot?**

This pilot is a collaboration between ODH, the Warren County Combined Health District, and school districts within and adjacent to Warren County.

**Who is managing this pilot?**

This pilot is being run by the Warren County Combined Health District with technical assistance from ODH.

**What will be done with the information from this pilot?**

The general results of this pilot will be shared with the State of Ohio Governor's Office, ODH, the Warren County Combined Health District, and the participating school districts.

The individual data, meaning the information about your child and you, will be kept at the Warren County Combined Health District and your school in a highly secure way with very limited access. Only those people directly involved in this pilot will be able to see that information.

At some point in the future, after all identifiable information that could link you and your child to the data is removed, the data may be used to help researchers understand the potential benefits and risks of mask usage and regular testing for managing COVID-19 in schools.

**Can I withdraw consent for my child's participation?**

Yes. You can withdraw consent for your child to participate at any time.

**If I want more information, who should I contact?**

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I have read the information above. I agree to participate in the pilot. I agree to allow my child to participate in the pilot and be tested twice for COVID-19.

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Name *(printed)*

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Signature

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Date *(mm/dd/yyyy)*