Back to School Kickoff 2024-2025

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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MI Safe School Antigen Testing Program



Free point of care COVID-19 test kits available to K-12 schools.

- NPI number is **required** if there is not a county-wide standing order in place
- Includes school districts, independent school districts (ISD) and non-public schools can order directly from the ordering form provided

MI Safe School Antigen Testing Program continued

- Schools should place one order per month to cover testing supply needs
- Additional requests can be accommodated in the event of an outbreak or need for increased tests due to an outbreak.



Multiplex Overview



- MDHHS currently offers multiplex test kits for distribution during flu season (October – April).
- Combined testing for COVID-19, Flu A and Flu B.
- Test is for individuals currently experiencing symptoms.

Vendor Support

Offered to K – 12 schools to provide on site COVID-19 point of care testing.

Needed logistics for request:

- Location
- Starting date
- Day(s)/time

If you are interested in receiving vendor support, please email: MDHHS-COVIDTestingSupport@michigan.gov





Expired Test Kits



- Schools can report expired test kits on the school district antigen COVID-19 test ordering form.
- Schools do not have to order test kits to complete the form. List the number of expired kits.
- Unused test kits can be disposed of as regular waste.

MI Backpack Home Test Program

About the Program

Voluntary program allowing Michigan K-12 schools to request free at home COVID-19 antigen tests for use among K-12 students, educators, staff and their families.

- MDHSS will provide enrolled sites test kits and educational materials for distribution.
- Schools are required to develop their own test distribution process.
- Expired OTC test kits do not require reporting.
- Please check the <u>FDA website</u> to determine if there is an expiration date extension.



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) offers a limited number of free, at-home COVID-19 antigen tests available to students in Michigan's schools in the 2023-2024 school year. MI Backpack Home Tests is a voluntary program offered by MDHHS for Michigan K-12 students, educators, staff, and their families who want an extra layer of protection against COVID-19. Every person participating in the program will receive one at-home COVID19 test "kit," which includes 2 at-home tests. MDHHS will provide the test kits and educational materials, and schools will distribute the kits to students and staff who choose to participate. There is no obligation to participate.

This program offers one more tool-in addition to in-school testing, masking, ventilation, and other strategies-to create a safer environment for students, staff, and families.

Health Resource Advocate Program

Health Resource Advocate Program

- Provides K 12 schools front line support for COVID testing and reporting. Works with partners to identify emerging COVID-19 related health concerns and provide guidance.
- Voluntary program that goes beyond COVI-19 testing.
- Program builds upon the school community mitigation strategy, encompassing wellness services.



Health Resource Advocate Applications



- Support health and safety challenges.
- Incorporating preventative health measures and services.
- Schools must have a testing strategy in place and participate in the MI Safe School Antigen testing program.
- HRA Network meetings occur every 4th
 Tuesday.

MDHHS-HRAreporting@michigan.gov

Michigan Indoor Air Ventilation Program

- All MI K-12 schools are eligible to enroll to receive MA-112 purifiers and replacement filters at no cost.
- Enhances indoor air quality, promotes clean air, and fosters safe, healthy environments.
- To participate in this program, complete the <u>MI Indoor Air Ventilation</u> <u>Program - Request Form.</u>



TCC Office Hours for 2024-2025 School Year

Testing and Collection Office Hours will resume **October 2nd, 2024** Office Hours will be held the 1st Wednesday of every month from 2pm – 2:30 pm

Open Forum

Direct any additional questions to:

MDHHS-COVIDTESTINGSUPPORT@MICHIGAN.GOV