

K-12 COVID Testing Program

TEST BASICS

- PCR Anterior Nose Swab will be collected for Covid-19 testing.
- Participants will be taught to self-swab with LSUHS staff supervision.
- Actual test takes less than 1 minute.
- Samples are tested individually at LSUHS Lab in Shreveport.
- Results are reported the next business day by midnight.
- Testing will begin after the first week of school and scheduled with each principal.

TEST MATERIALS

- LSUHS provides all materials needed for testing: PPE (masks & gloves for testing team); test kits (swabs, test tubes, barcodes, etc.); tablet computers for documentation.

PERSONNEL

- Each testing team includes two nurses and two techs who will travel remotely from school to school.
- Each region has a Regional Lead Nurse, stationed at the Regional Office: Region 5-Lake Charles; Region 6-Alexandria; Region 7-Shreveport; and Region 8-Monroe. Shreveport is also the location of the lab and program administration.
- Program Administration includes Dr. John Vanchiere, Program Director and Dr. Jennifer Deason, Program Coordinator.

PROGRAM LOGISTICS

- Registration is open to K-12 students and school staff and is completed on Color online platform. Paper based registration will be available, as needed.
- Testing can take place in a designated location with the testers going to the testing team or the testing team can go from class to class with a mobile testing station.
- Testing will ideally take place Monday-Thursday, beginning before school and ending before noon.
- Test tubes are pre-labeled for more seamless and timely completion.
- Testing team will deliver test samples to a courier who will transport samples daily to LSUHS lab.
- Test results will be available by midnight of the next day, reported through Color online platform.
- If a test is positive, parent(s) and the regional Office of Public Health will be notified to conduct contact tracing so necessary individuals can quarantine.
- One may opt in or opt out at any time with a 30 day lead time for the scheduling change.

INCENTIVES

- Incentive plan administered by Louisiana Department of Health.
- Incentives are monetary and loaded onto a debit card or online debit account. Payments are delivered monthly.
- The initial registration incentive is \$25 and the first test incentive is \$25. Incentive amount for additional testing is \$10 a test and one must complete at least three tests each month to receive the monthly incentive payment.