

OMEGA DIAGNOSTICS SCHOOL BASED TESTING PLAN

OVERVIEW:

Omega Diagnostics, LLC is part of a family of laboratories that includes The Delta Pathology Group, LLC and Pathology Resource Network, LLC. Omega Diagnostics, LLC was established in 2005 and over the past 15 years has provided clinical laboratory and reference lab services to hospitals and physician practices throughout Louisiana. Omega is a physician owned organization committed to taking excellent care of patients. Everything in Omega's organization – the focus on excellence in service, the accountability demanded of the staff, the collegial work environment, the insistence on ethical business, the services offered - is shaped by an underlying commitment to excellence for patients.

Pafford Medical services was established in 1967. Since those humble beginnings 54 years ago we have expanded to provide ambulance service and medical services across Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and the United States Virgin Islands. As a third generation, family owned business, we care about the communities and patients we are entrusted to care for. As a financially vibrant organization we have the resources to increase our relationship as needed to support COVID testing for school based institutions.

PLAN:

- Once school/school district is identified by LDH, Omega will make contact with school official identified by LDH to begin education on how to set up the school and set collection schedule.
- Once a schedule is determined, Omega/Pafford will work with school official on how the process will work on collection day. Collections will be conducted by Pafford team via anterior nasal swab or oral swab.
- All participants will be entered into the web portal and all patient information will be entered into the portal.
- Collection will be obtained in a bar-coded tube without patient information.
- Specimens will be put in a refrigerated cooler and transported to the laboratory.
- Once received in the laboratory, specimens will be received and run per laboratory protocol and resulted by end of next day after collection occurs.
- If specimen is negative/not-detected, results will be returned via web-portal to school and parent.
- If specimen is positive/detected, results will be returned via web-portal to school and parent. The student must quarantine for 10 days.
- School officials should notify families of close contacts as soon as possible after they are notified that someone in the school has tested positive (within the same school day).
- Should questions arise, Omega/Pafford will have a designated phone number for school officials/parents to contact as needed.

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