

Optional Diagnostic COVID-19 Testing for Students, Families & Staff August 24, 2021

The Whitefish Bay School District has partnered with [Accelerated Clinical Laboratories](#) (ACL) to provide free, optional, diagnostic COVID-19 testing for students, their families, and staff. Diagnostic testing is recommended when there is reason to believe a person may have COVID-19, such as having symptoms or having recently been exposed to the disease.

Who Can Get Tested? Whitefish Bay School District students, teachers, staff members, volunteers, as well as parents/guardians and siblings of students may be tested. Individuals who are asymptomatic or symptomatic may get tested.

Testing Location and Schedule - Diagnostic testing by ACL will take place at the **Lydell Community Center**, Room 17, 5205 N Lydell Ave, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217. Beginning September 2, 2021, testing will be offered Tuesdays 7:30am - 9:30am, Thursdays 3:30pm - 5:30pm, and Fridays 7:30am - 9:30am.

Parking is available in the lot or on the street. Enter through door #1 (East side off of Lydell) or door #2 (West side of the parking lot) - buzz the office if the doors are locked.

How to Get Tested - No appointment is needed to be tested at the District's partnership testing site. All individuals and children will need to register on COVID Connects prior to testing. Save time by completing the pre-registration in advance online via the COVID Connect website below. Adults age 18+ may complete the registration before or at their visit. A parent/guardian will need to complete a consent form and registration for each child prior to testing. The ACL team can help register students on COVID Connect in-person, but **a parent/guardian must accompany minors to give the consent.**

Registration and Consent via COVID Connect - Is it recommended that all staff and families pre-register via this link before testing.

<https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov/>

Important note: When prompted to select a testing site, please select **“I’m being tested at a non-public site.”**

Upon completion of the pre-registration form, you will be emailed a QR code for each person pre-registered. Present your QR code upon arrival to the testing site.

Type of Test - PCR testing will be conducted. PCR tests have a turnaround time of approximately 24 to 48 hours. The actual times may vary based upon the amount of community testing and spread.

How Will I Get My Results? Until you have your test results, limit contact with others, monitor any symptoms, and [take these steps](#) while you wait for your results.

- Negative results: you will be emailed a secure link to view and print results.
- Positive results: you will be emailed a secure link to view and print results, and you will be called by contact tracing staff.

What Happens If I Test Positive for COVID-19? If you or your child test positive for COVID-19 you will receive a call from contact tracing staff. Please immediately [follow the steps on page 3 of the DHS document to start home isolation](#).

Why is COVID-19 Testing Important? Testing helps reduce community spread and keeps schools operating safely. Testing individuals who are symptomatic or close contacts helps enable rapid detection of cases in the school community and reduce or prevent school outbreaks.

Future Testing Options - The District will carefully monitor local and school trends and consider the possibility of expanding testing to include optional weekly screening, outbreak testing, as well as special event testing.