



Burbank Unified School District COVID-19 Testing FAQs

- **How often will BUSD students and staff be tested for COVID-19? Is registration required?**

BUSD students and staff will be tested for COVID-19 once per week. Registration is required through the FormDr link (students under 18 must have their parent/guardian fill out the form).

- **Which COVID-19 test will be used?**

The test being utilized is the CareStart EUA COVID-19 Antigen test. The sample is collected via a nasopharyngeal swab (nose swab) by a clinical staff member and results are available after 10 minutes.

- **What can students and staff expect during their COVID-19 test?**

1. A clinical staff member will verify your registration and ask that you sign in for the COVID-19 test.
2. They will then tilt the patient's head back and gently insert the swab into one of the patient's nostrils.
3. The swab will be removed and placed into an extraction vial and the reading will be available in 10 minutes.

- **Who is conducting the COVID-19 testing?**

BUSD has contracted with Vital Healthcare, Inc. to perform COVID-19 testing for students and staff.

- **How much does it cost to be tested for COVID-19?**

There is no charge to BUSD students or staff for COVID-19 testing. Health insurance of the student or staff being tested is requested; however, BUSD will cover the costs for uninsured individuals.

- **Is consent required for the COVID-19 test?**

Students and staff must provide consent before testing is conducted. Students 18 years or older can provide their own consent. A parent/guardian must provide consent for students younger than 18. A consent form will be provided as part of the testing process through the FormDr registration link.

- **What is the protocol if a student or staff member tests positive?**

Students or staff who test positive will receive instructions to isolate immediately. BUSD will contact household members, co-workers, and students who may have been in contact with the individual who tested positive to provide quarantine instructions. Individuals who test positive should seek additional medical care from their physician.

- **What isolation instructions will be given if a student or staff member tests positive?**

The following instructions for home isolation will be provided:

1. Stay home until at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and there is no fever for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication).
2. Anyone who has a condition that severely weakens the immune system may need to stay home for longer than 10 days. Consult with your healthcare provider.
3. Symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath).
4. A person who has tested positive should not be tested again for at least 90 days to avoid a false-positive result.

If you tested positive for COVID-19 but never had any symptoms:

1. You must stay home for 10 days after the test was taken.
2. If you develop symptoms, you need to follow the instructions above.

- **Does a negative test result mean that the patient does not have COVID-19?**

Although a test may come back negative, there is a chance that the result is a false negative. If a patient exhibits symptoms of illness, they should exercise caution and self-isolate until they test negative for COVID-19.

Please authorize online:

Text: BUSD to (747) 215-2171

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