Mailed-to-Home Test Boxes for Pre-K 3-4 Students

Use: LEAs and schools should use this template to communicate the mail-to-home test program details to pre-K 3 and 4 families.

Some pre-kindergarten (pre-K) students have trouble providing a saliva sample for in-school asymptomatic testing. These students may be less likely to receive a test result than their older peers. You may register for your pre-K 3-4 student to receive a mailed-to-home coronavirus (COVID-19) test box so you can test your child.

About the Mailed-to-Home Test Box Program for Pre-K 3-4 Students

- This program provides pre-K 3 and pre-K 4 students access to COVID-19 test results for students who have difficulty successfully providing a specimen using the saliva-based tests. Pre-K 3 and pre-K 4 students should continue to participate in school saliva-based testing.
- Participation in this program is done by registration. Families may register their pre-K 3-4 students from Tuesday, Jan. 18 through Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022.

How to Register for Mailed-to-Home Test Boxes

- To register, fill out this [Microsoft form](#)
- The form provides:
    - Information about the pre-K 3-4 mailed-to-home program
    - Information about what to do with results and where to get more information, and

The form allows you to submit the demographic information needed to mail the boxes to them. Follow the instructions to fill out the form closely. It is important that the information provided in the form is completed **fully and accurately.**

    - If the form is not filled out fully and accurately, according to the instructions you may not receive a test box. If you do not receive a test box, you can access other free COVID-19 tests available in the District. You can find out about additional COVID-19 testing resources [here.](#)

The link to the form must not be shared. Do not fill out the form for anyone other than your pre-K 3 or 4 student.

Once you have registered, a box will be mailed to 25 percent of the pre-K 3 and pre-K 4 students on the opt-in list each week. This aligns with the testing cadence for random selection

in the school asymptomatic testing program. You can expect to receive a test box about once a month.

About the Mailed-to-Home Test Boxes

These free-to-families, easy-to-use, adult-administered or adult-assisted nasal swab test boxes will provide access to a COVID-19 test result for pre-K students who have trouble providing a saliva sample in school. Boxes are mailed directly to the student's home and may be returned to LabCorp for analysis without charge.

The test boxes include detailed instructions for taking the test and returning it to LabCorp using the included pre-paid envelope. It is important that you return your test box within 12 hours of taking the test. You can return your specimen to the lab by dropping the box at any FedEx drop box. You can find the location of a FedEx drop box near you by clicking here: [FedEx Drop Box Locator](#)

Mailed-to-Home Test Box Results

A web link to access your student's results will be emailed to the email address you provide in the Microsoft form. It is important that you use an address you check frequently and can access easily. Results are usually received within two to five days of the specimen being returned to LabCorp. Sometimes bad weather or a high volume of testing may delay results.

What to Do With Your Student's Results

If your student's result is **negative**, there is no other action you need to take. Your next test box will arrive in about four weeks. You may opt-out of additional test boxes by sending an email to COVIDSchoolTesting@DC.gov .

If your student's result is **positive** you should contact your student's healthcare provider and isolate your student in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and DC Health guidance. Your student should not return to school. Your student's school will also be notified of your student's positive result. You may also notify your school if you receive a positive result because you will receive your student's results more quickly than other reporting systems can provide them to schools.

You can find information on isolation following a positive COVID-19 test by clicking [here.](#)