

SUSD partners with nationwide infectious disease testing firm to provide no cost COVID-19 testing for students, their families, and district staff.

SUSD has partnered with *In Office Diagnostics (DX)* to provide all students, their families, and all district staff the opportunity to be tested for COVID-19 without any out-of-pocket costs to families or the district. Testing is **completely voluntary** and helps to identify and isolate infected individuals. All public health guidelines for quarantining and isolation still need to be followed.

Testing to diagnose COVID-19 is part of a comprehensive strategy and is being used in conjunction with mitigation efforts to reduce virus spread (e.g., cloth face mask use, social distancing, hand hygiene); maintaining healthy environments (e.g., cleaning and disinfection, ventilation); maintaining healthy operations (e.g., scheduling, combination of online and in-person learning, cohorting); and following guidelines for quarantining and when someone shows symptoms.

Important Details to Know:

- Testing is voluntary.
- Results are received within 24 hours.
- The cost of testing is covered with a combination of individual health insurance and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for uninsured individuals.
- Public health guidelines for quarantining still need to be followed at each school.
- Voluntary testing helps to identify and isolate infected individuals.
- Parents/legal guardians must bring identification and insurance card, if insured.

Who will perform the tests?

Testing conducted at the SUSD drive-thru sites and *In Office DX's Mesa facility* will be conducted by *In Office DX* employees.

Testing for students and staff will be available to every school campus and can only be completed once a parent or legal guardian has signed the "Child COVID-19 Testing Consent Form."

What is the process to get tested?

Testing for students needs to be requested by a parent or legal guardian, and that person must sign the "Child COVID-19 Testing Consent Form" before testing can occur. To register, visit inofficediagnostics.com, and click the red "K-12 School Testing" button at the top of the page.

The *In Office DX* K-12 Pandemic Response Program has three main ways to receive testing:

- 1 Students, staff, and families can be tested at an SUSD drive-thru site:

OPENING Monday, October 4, 2021

Cherokee Elementary School

8801 N. 56th St., Paradise Valley

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- 2 Students, staff, and families can also be tested at *In Office DX's Mesa facility*. To register, visit inofficediagnostics.com, and click the red "K-12 School Testing" button at the top of the page. *In Office DX's Mesa facility* is located at 7007 E. Main St., Mesa, AZ. Testing hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- 3 Students, staff, and families can be tested at an SUSD drive-thru site:

OPENING Monday, October 11, 2021

Navajo Elementary School Community site,

located at Open Arms Church (North of Navajo)

4640 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

What type of testing will be used?

A polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, also called a molecular test, will be used. PCR testing is considered the “gold standard” in COVID-19 detection. This test detects genetic material that is specific to the virus and can detect the virus within days of infection, even in those who have no symptoms. PCR testing is also able to quantify the viral load (i.e., how much of the virus is in an individual’s body), which helps healthcare professionals determine where an individual is in the infection process.

How is the test performed?

A fluid sample is collected by shallowly inserting a nasal swab (similar to a Q-tip) into each nostril. The soft tip of the swab is rubbed in a circle around each nostril approximately three to four times.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends this shallow nasal swab technique for effective patient sample collection. This low-invasive approach is fast and comfortable for children.

Once the test is performed, what happens to the specimen?

After a swab test is conducted, the sample will be taken to *In Office DX*’s laboratory for analysis.

How will I receive the test results?

Test results are available the following day after the sample is taken, and results are sent directly to the individual’s online portal. Online portal access is secured by a two-part verification text message. The individual or parent/guardian will receive a secure text message with an access code that will be used to open the lab results.

How will results be kept and my child’s HIPAA be protected?

SUSD adheres to all privacy laws, as it does with all other matters involving our students and staff. Test results will be shared with the student’s school for the sole purposes of identifying others who may have been exposed. Test results will be sent to the Maricopa County Public Health Department or to any other governmental entity the law requires.

The release of any legally privileged and confidential records (e.g. educational and/or medical records) will be in accordance with applicable privacy protection laws, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

In Office DX adheres to all privacy laws and uses software that is Service Organization Control 2 (SOC) compliant with Department of Defense (DOD) encryption. *In Office DX*’s policy is to only release protected healthcare information to designated personnel that corresponds with signed patient consent forms.

What is the cost to be tested?

The testing for COVID-19 will be performed without any out-of-pocket costs to families or the district. The cost of testing is covered with a combination of individual health insurance and CARES Act funding for uninsured individuals.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

In Office DX has dedicated client coordinators on staff at its corporate offices that are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for any questions related to K-12 testing. They can be reached at 1-877-585-2533 and by email at K-12testing@inofficedx.com. Please specify Scottsdale Unified School District.

Please do not contact the district, school, or school nurse for testing results.

About *In Office Diagnostics (DX)*:

In Office DX is a nationwide infectious disease testing firm. Our core mission has been to improve patient care and reduce aggregated healthcare costs. Our corporation places high complexity laboratories and staff directly in healthcare facilities across the country.

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