

COVID-19 Testing Now Available for Minors

Can teenagers or children get tested for COVID-19?

Yes. A parent or legal guardian must sign a consent form for each child under 18. The tests are available for children five to 17 years old.

How do I make an appointment?

You must call 877-336-9855. Appointments for minors are not available online.

Can an adult other than the parent/guardian accompany the minor being tested?

Yes, but the parent/guardian must authorize that individual in writing. This option is included on the required consent form.

Can teenagers be tested on their own, without an adult?

Yes. Minors 14 to 18 years old who can independently perform the self-swab test can come unattended but must provide the written consent form as well as some sort of photo ID. Examples include school ID, learner's permit, driver's license or passport.

Can my three kids be tested on the same day?

Yes, multiple minors from the same family can be tested in the same car on the same day so long as the consent forms have been completed for each child. Consent forms will be emailed when you call to make an appointment. If you don't have email or are unable to use the electronic signature provided, a parent or guardian may fill out consent forms onsite.

How does the test get administered to children?

It's the same, simple self-swab test used for adults: a 15-second, non-invasive swab of each nostril. It is the adult's responsibility to determine if the child is capable of being coached through the self-administered test. If not, the clinical observer will coach the adult through administering the test to the child.

How will I get the test results?

Parents with more than one child getting tested together on one day will get an identical negative text/robocall not identifying each child. You will receive a live phone call for a particular child or children who test positive. A public health nurse or board of health member will then walk you through next steps and answer your questions.