



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS For Staff



Test Together Learn Together

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our schools

? What is Test Together, Learn Together?

Test Together, Learn Together is a federally funded COVID-19 testing program for New Mexico's public and private schools. There is no cost to the district, school, staff or student to participate.

? Why is this program important?

Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still an issue in our communities. If we can identify students and staff who test positive and separate them from others, we can lower the risk that COVID-19 will spread. Your school is already doing a lot to keep kids healthy and safe. This is another way to support them. The goal is to keep students in the classroom to learn face-to-face and enjoy time and activities with their friends.

? What can I, as a staff member, do to help?

You can sign a form that gives the school permission to test you for COVID-19. You can also explain to students' parents or guardians why testing is important and encourage them to sign the form.

? How does it work?

Once you have signed the form, you'll be tested regularly throughout the school year.

? What happens if I test positive?

We will ask that you stay at home until your school says it is safe to return.

? Is the test safe?

Yes, it is fast, simple AND safe. Test results are back within 15 minutes to 48 hours, depending on the type of test. The school will let you know if you have tested positive for COVID-19.

? What kind of test is it?

There are two options – a simple swab just inside the nostril, or spitting into a tube.

? Does the test hurt?

No, it is a simple swab just inside the nostril.

? Who does the testing?

Schools were given choices on how they will do testing. Check with your school administrators to learn about your school's testing plan.

? Will my test results be shared with another party?

If your test results are positive, those results will be shared with you and a small group coordinating the COVID-19 plan. We are not testing or collecting any other information besides the COVID-19 result.

? What if I have already been vaccinated?

Because it is possible that a vaccinated individual can transmit COVID-19, we still recommend that you sign the form to be tested.

? Do I have to pay anything?

This program is offered at no cost to you, your school or your school district.



Where can I learn more?

www.learntogethernm.com