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BD VERITOR SARS-COV-2 & FLU A+B TOOLKIT



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OVERVIEW

BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B, also known as BD Triplex, is a rapid antigen point-of-care test that tests for SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza A and B from the same sample.

BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B is a test authorized for use in the Learn to Return COVID-19 testing program by the Washington State Department of Health and is covered under the [PREP Act](#) that authorizes schools to order, distribute, and administer these tests.

CHECKLIST

- STEP 1:** Reach out to your ESD Coordinator (Optional)
- STEP 2:** Apply for or update MTS license
- STEP 3:** Identify test observers and attend training
- STEP 4:** Order test kits
- STEP 5:** Collect consent and insurance information
- STEP 6:** Launch testing
- STEP 7:** Results and Isolation
- STEP 8:** Reporting

STEP 1:

REACH OUT TO YOUR ESD COORDINATOR (OPTIONAL)

I'M INTERESTED IN BD TRIPLEX. WHAT'S MY FIRST STEP?

Contact your ESD Coordinator to set-up a call to see if BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B is right for your school's testing strategy. If so, please follow the instructions below.

STEP 2:

APPLY FOR OR UPDATE YOUR MTS LICENSE

DO I NEED AN MTS LICENSE?

Yes. BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B is a point-of-care rapid antigen test. This means you are required to have a Medical Test Site (MTS) license (formerly referred to as CLIA) in order to administer and interpret results onsite. Your school can apply for a Medical Test Site license with the [MTS Application Packet](#). Facilities applying for a new license must wait until their applications are processed and become active to start testing.

IF I HAVE AN EXISTING MTS LICENSE FOR COVID-19 RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING, WILL I NEED TO ADD INFLUENZA TESTING?

Yes. You will need to submit [Test Menu Change Form](#) and send it to DOH HSQA Facilities Credentialing at hsqafc@doh.wa.gov. In the MTS Test Change Form, write "Rapid Antigen Flu A + B" where it says, "List tests added to your test menu." This will allow you to conduct rapid antigen Flu A+B tests regardless of technology brand. Please see a sample Test Menu Change Form [here](#). There is no fee associated with changing an existing MTS license. Once you send the form, you can begin testing.

STEP 3:

IDENTIFY TEST OBSERVERS AND ATTEND TRAINING

WHO CAN ADMINISTER TESTS?

On May 11, 2023, after the federal public health emergency ended, the standing order that authorized the administration of point-of-care (POC) tests by non-medical staff expired. Moving forward, only registered nurses (RNs), RN-delegated staff, or RN-directed licensed practical nurses (LPNs) can perform POC tests onsite.

For schools without an RN, your best option may be to offer take-home OTC tests exclusively. Any staff member can hand out take-home OTC tests to students and staff for individual or self-administered use.

TRAINING MATERIALS

We recommend all test administrators (nurses or nurse delegated staff) review the following resources:

DOCUMENTS

- [BD Veritor Triplex Quick Reference Instructions](#)
- [BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B instructions for use](#)
- [How to Administer the Test](#)

VIDEOS

- [BD Veritor™ Plus System COVID-19 and Flu A+B Testing](#)

STEP 4: ORDER TESTS

HOW DO I ORDER BD VERITOR SARS-COV-2 & FLU A+B TEST KITS AND/OR A BD ANALYZER?

- **Step 1:** Visit the [DOH School Test Request Form](#) to confirm your school is listed in the dropdown list under “ESD/School Selection.”
- **Step 2:** If your school is not listed, please complete the [DOH Shipping Information Form](#) to add your school to the school ordering portal.
- **Step 3:** If your school is listed, you can submit your request for BD Veritor Plus Triplex (SARS-CoV2, Flu A+B) and/or a BD Veritor Plus Analyzer under “Testing Supply Menu.”

Please contact covidtestingsupport@doh.wa.gov for any general inquiries related to ordering tests.

HOW MANY TEST KITS WILL I RECEIVE IN MY FIRST ORDER?

Schools should plan on ordering a 30-day supply each month that includes a buffer to help ensure there is enough supply if needs exceed expectations.

DO I NEED A BD ANALYZER TO RESULT BD VERITOR SARS-COV-2 & FLU A+B TESTS?

Yes, a BD Veritor Analyzer is required to result the tests. Please see “How do I order BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B test kits and/or a BD Analyzer?” above for more information on how to order an analyzer.

CAN I USE MY EXISTING BD ANALYZER UNIT FROM COVID-19 TESTING FOR BD VERITOR SARS-COV-2 & FLU A+B?

Yes. The BD Veritor Analyzer is the unit used to result the various tests offered by BD.

HOW SHOULD I STORE MY TEST KITS AND THE ANALYZER?

Kits may be stored at 2–30 °C (36–86°F). DO NOT FREEZE. Reagents and devices must be at room temperature (15–30 °C, 59–86°F) when used for testing.

The BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B analyzer and test kits should be stored in a cool, dry place.

WHEN WILL MY TEST KITS EXPIRE?

If your tests have expired, DOH recommends disposal of these tests once you have replenished your inventory with new non-expired tests. To order new tests, please reach out to your ESD coordinator or COVIDtestingsupport@doh.wa.gov for further assistance on next steps.



STEP 5: COLLECT NEW CONSENT AND INSURANCE/ATTESTATION

DO I NEED TO COLLECT NEW CONSENT FORMS TO USE THIS TEST?

Yes. Because this test provides both COVID-19 and influenza results, an individual must consent to be tested for both illnesses. Consent forms are [available in multiple languages](#) on the schools testing page.

HOW IS CONSENT TO TESTING COLLECTED?

Individuals ages 18 and older must provide consent to be tested for COVID-19 and influenza. Parents/caregivers must provide consent for students younger than 18 to be tested for COVID-19 and influenza.

You may use this [customizable email template](#) available in multiple languages to share information about BD Triplex with families as well as a new consent form to sign if they want their child to have access to this test.

DO I NEED TO COLLECT INSURANCE INFORMATION?

No. At this time, DOH provides access to FREE rapid antigen tests, including BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B, which does not require insurance information.

STEP 6: LAUNCH TESTING

WHEN CAN I LAUNCH TESTING?

Facilities that are just making a change to their MTS license can begin testing as soon as they submit the [Test Menu Change Form](#). Facilities applying for a new license must wait until their applications are processed and become active to start testing. Once this is complete and your test kits have arrived and your test observers are trained you can start testing. Typically, it takes a district about 2 weeks from the test kit order date to launch testing.

WHERE SHOULD I ADMINISTER TESTS?

Most districts opt to use their isolation room for testing. You can also use a walk-up, drive-up, or drive-thru model and have a designated parking spot where test observation happens. The drive-thru/up model is often useful when someone develops symptoms at home and needs a test.

CAN STUDENTS COLLECT THEIR OWN SAMPLES?

Individuals aged 4+ can self-swab so long as there is a trained test observer supervising the process.

WHAT DOES THE TESTING PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

This is a rapid antigen test that uses one sample to detect three viruses: COVID-19, Flu A, and Flu B. It only takes 15 minutes to get clear results for each sample. [Watch this video](#) to see how this test works. You can also look at the BD Veritor for [SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B Patient Factsheet](#) for more information.

WHAT ARE RISK ASSESSMENT AND/OR MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS?

If you have questions specific to COVID-19 and flu testing in terms of risk management at your school, it is best to reach out to your risk management company or representative. In general, schools should have a process in place for responding to positive flu and COVID-19 results. See "Section 7: 5 Results

and Isolation” for best practices on responding to positive results. In addition, a school’s process should include recommendations for parents/caregivers to pick up their child if they do test positive and seek additional care from a healthcare provider as needed. Seeking care is still important even if the test is negative but the child is symptomatic as this may indicate a different illness is going on.

STEP 7: RESULTS AND ISOLATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESPONDING TO BD TRIPLEX RESULTS

The SARS-CoV-2 & Influenza A+B rapid antigen test, also known as BD Triplex, tests for COVID-19 and Influenza A + B. The guidance below includes DOH-recommended best practices for mitigating the spread of illness (including COVID-19 and influenza) at school, how to appropriately report cases depending on result obtained from BD Triplex, and recommended isolation for positive cases.

WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT OR STAFF TESTS POSITIVE FOR FLU?

If a student receives a positive flu result, they should be excluded from school until after the fever is gone (usually at least 24 hours), without the use of fever-reducing medications, and the student feels well enough to participate in normal activities. See [OSPI’s Infectious Disease Control Guide](#) for more information.

Positive flu results should be shared with the person being tested and their parent/caregiver, as applicable. Consider sending students home with information on flu for parents/caregivers. The parent/caregiver should be advised to contact their child’s healthcare provider for follow-up care.

Here are some printable resources from the CDC:

- [Flu Guide for Parents](#) (also available in [Spanish](#))
- [What To Do If Your Child Gets Sick With the Flu](#) (also available in [Amharic](#), [Arabic](#), [Burmese](#), [Dzongkha](#), [Farsi](#), [Karen](#), [Kirundi](#), [Nepali](#), [Oromo](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#))
- [Guide For Considering Influenza Testing When Influenza Viruses Are Circulating In The Community](#) (also available in [Spanish](#))

If a staff member receives a positive flu result, they should be notified and encouraged to stay or go home. Refer to [L&I infectious disease guidance](#) for more information on preventing infectious disease in the workplace and recommendations for keeping staff healthy.

WHAT TO DO IF A STUDENT OR STAFF TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

If a student receives a positive COVID-19 result, they should follow the [DOH What to do if you test positive for COVID-19 guidance](#), which means staying home for at least 5 days and wearing a well-fitting and high-quality mask around others for 10 days, especially in indoor settings.

If a staff member receives a positive COVID-19 result, they must stay out of the workplace for at least 5 days. Refer to [L&I requirement and guidance for preventing COVID-19](#) for more information on basic requirements for all workplaces.

STEP 8: REPORTING

BD TRIPLEX AND REPORTING

BD Triplex is a point-of-care rapid antigen test. Cases of notifiable conditions (e.g., COVID-19) obtained from point-of-care tests must be reported to public health authorities per Washington state law ([WAC 246-101](#)).

DO I NEED TO REPORT POSITIVE FLU RESULTS?

Seasonal influenza is **not** a notifiable condition. Therefore, individual positive flu results **do not** need to be reported to DOH or the Local Health Jurisdiction. However, significant absenteeism at a school due to flu-like illness is reportable. In [OSPI's Infectious Disease Control Guide](#), it notes a school reports to their LHJ if they are seeing significant increases in school absenteeism due to flu or flu-like illness or clusters of severe infections ([WAC 246-101-525](#)).

DO I NEED TO REPORT POSITIVE COVID-19 RESULTS?

Positive COVID-19 results from point-of-care tests conducted at school are required to be reported to DOH and the Local Health Jurisdiction. Schools can use [SimpleReport](#) to report COVID-19 positives obtained from BD Triplex. See the [DOH COVID-19 Point-of-Care Test Reporting for K-12 Schools](#) for more information. This process has not changed from current practices in schools for reporting COVID-19 positive cases from other COVID-19 tests (e.g., BinaxNOW) conducted at school.

RESOURCE DOCUMENTS

- [BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B Sell Sheet](#)
- [BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) letter](#)
- [BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B Fact Sheet for Patients](#)
- [BD Veritor SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [BD Veritor™ System for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2 & Flu A+B Instructions for Use \(IFU\)](#)