

STANDING ORDER FOR COVID-19 SCREENING IN SCHOOLS THROUGH LEARN TO RETURN

Authority: This standing order is issued by State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases, Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, pursuant to the *PREP Act Authorization for Washington State Secretary of Health, State Health Officer, and State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases to Prescribe, Administer, Deliver, Distribute, and Dispense COVID-19 Covered Countermeasures* issued by the Washington State Secretary of Health, Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, as an Authority Having Jurisdiction pursuant to the *Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19* issued by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, as subsequently amended.

Purpose: The purpose of this standing order is to facilitate screening of students, teachers and staff at school settings at risk of COVID-19 outbreaks. These screening efforts will help to identify COVID-19 infections in these facilities and inform COVID-19 prevention and control efforts.

Authorization: This standing order authorizes a licensed health care provider or other non-licensed personnel who completed certain training requirements related to the testing technologies referenced in Table 1 to administer SARS-CoV-2 tests to obtain a specimen from an eligible individual for SARS-CoV-2 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or antigen tests that have been authorized, approved, or cleared by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA). It also authorizes each Learn to Return school to receive the results of the test directly from the testing laboratory. This Order further authorizes the laboratory that performed the molecular test for SARS-CoV-2 to provide test results directly to the individual who was tested.

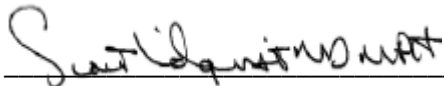
Eligible individuals: An eligible individual is a student, teacher, staff or family member with or without suspected COVID-19 who regularly interacts with a school setting.

Personnel authorized to collect specimens under this standing order must do the following:

- Prior to collecting the specimen from the individual being tested, the facility/agency administrator or trained test collector shall provide appropriate information to the individual, which shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Collection of necessary consent, including parental or guardian consent, where applicable;
 - Notice that the laboratory conducting the test may return the result to the school and local health jurisdiction; AND
 - Information on next steps to take following testing, including information on how to obtain follow-up medical care, and/or to address questions about diagnosis if they test positive for COVID-19.
- Licensed health care providers or other trained personnel must administer SARS-CoV-2 tests in accordance with the FDA's and the manufacturer's instructions and requirements.
 - Use correct testing materials according to manufacturer instructions and the laboratory that will be performing the test.
 - Ensure the trained test collector is using appropriate personal protective equipment when collecting specimens, including gloves, gown, N95 respirator (or surgical mask if respirator not available), and eye protection (goggles or face shield).
- Facility/agency administrators must furnish results to the individual as soon as possible after results are received, though no later than 24 hours after the facility's/agency's receipt of the test results.

- Facility/agency administrators must report COVID-19 test results as directed by state and federal law and requirements.
- Facility/agency administrators must refer individuals who test positive and other with questions to their personal health care provider, or another appropriately licensed-and-credentialed health care provider for interpretation of results, clinical management of tested individuals, and/or evaluation of any related health complaint that such individuals may report or endorse

TERM: This standing order shall take effect immediately upon signing and remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by a subsequent standing order, the Secretary of Health's authorization for this standing order expires or is revoked, or the Governor issues a proclamation declaring the termination of the State of Emergency declared by Proclamation 20-05, as amended and extended by subsequent amendatory proclamations, whichever comes sooner.



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Table 1. Learn to Return Testing Technologies

Vendor	Test type & name	Links		Diagnostic/Screening
CIC Health	Quest (PCR), Broad (PCR), Lucira CHECK-IT tests (molecular)	Lucira Test Kit		Both
BD & PMG	rapid antigen test (BD Veritor Plus System) + rapid on-site PCR (Visby)	BD Veritor™ Plus System	Visby Medical	Both
Abbott	BinaxNOW Antigen Self-Test	BinaxNOW		Both
Curative	PCR	Curative website		Diagnostic
Everlywell	PCR	COVID-19 Test Home Collection Kit DTC	Quidel QuickVue Antigen Test Kit	Both
Atlas	Pooled PCR	Atlas website		Both
Access Bio	Antigen	CareStart		Screening