

# Rochester City School District

## COVID Information

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#### **Testing**

COVID testing is not currently required. It is strongly recommended that people that are symptomatic or exposed follow [CDC Guidelines](#) regarding testing.

- Symptomatic – test immediately
- Exposed – test 5 full days later

#### **COVID Test Kits**

The District supply of COVID test kits have expired. As of the end of last school year the State is no longer providing test kits. We have requested additional test kits and will provide updates are relevant.

Get four free at-home COVID tests this fall by visiting [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov). Every U.S. household may place an order to receive four free COVID rapid test delivered directly to your home.

[Order free at-home test kits](#)

#### **COVID Leave Allowances and Limits for Staff**

Paid COVID Leave:

- All employees are eligible to receive COVID Leave pay up to three times during their entire cumulative employment at the RCSD.
- Each instance of paid leave can cover up to 14 calendar days
  - Note: the pay would cover 14 calendar days but payment to the employee would only include days the employee was scheduled to work. There is no banking of time - if the employee misses 2 days of work, then they are only paid for 2 days and they have exhausted one of their three instances.
- After the 3rd usage the employee is still expected to comply with COVID isolation regulations but would need to use illness days for any days absent.

- Employees must provide Employee Benefits ([benefits@rcsdk12.org](mailto:benefits@rcsdk12.org)) with documentation before they can use COVID leave. The required documentation includes:
  - Monroe County [Affirmation of Isolation form](#).
  - Picture of the positive home test, with your name and date written on it (only the 1st time you are seeking payment)
  - The 2nd and 3rd time you are seeking payment - you must submit documentation from a licensed medical provider or testing facility confirming the positive test. This means - you need a lab test and cannot use a home test.
- More detail on regulatory and legal requirements for COVID test and compensation: [New York Paid Family Leave COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions](#).

### COVID Testing Site Information

Vendor	Cost	Additional Information
<b>WellNow Urgent Care</b>	See note below related to cost	They will accept people who need a COVID test for employment. Their Regional Manager is sending confirmation to all sites that they should be scheduling appointments if you call.
<b>UR Urgent Care</b>	N/A	UR Urgent Care does not do COVID testing alone. If you are sick, they will see you and a COVID test may be part of their assessment. But they are NOT accepting people who just want a COVID test.
<b>Rochester Regional Urgent Care</b>	See note below related to cost	Rochester Regional has confirmed they will do the testing if you tell them it is required by the employer. An appointment is not required - you can just go to their Urgent Care. Please make sure you wear a tight-fitting mask.
<b>Workfit Medical</b>	Will not bill insurance - you will be liable for their cost	Schedule an appointment - they will meet you outside to perform the test.
<b>Walgreens Pharmacy</b>	Free if you are uninsured; see note below for cost if you have insurance	Schedule online - <a href="#">click here</a>
<b>CVS Pharmacy</b>	\$69.99 - insurance is <b>NOT</b> accepted	Schedule online - <a href="#">click here</a>

## **COVID Testing Costs**

Currently, the RCSD healthcare plans do not cover COVID testing that is not “Medically Necessary.” This means if you are sick, and the doctor wants you to get a COVID test - it will be covered like any other lab test. If you take a home test and go to Urgent Care to get a lab test for the purpose of COVID pay - you will be responsible for the full cost of the test.

The RCSD Joint Healthcare Committee is reviewing whether we will amend our insurance plan to cover these tests. So, the information above is subject to change.

## **COVID Communication to Families & Illness Protocols**

Adults and children with new signs and symptoms of COVID-19 should isolate, wear a tight-fitting mask, and get tested as soon as possible.

The main common symptoms of COVID-19 are still fever, runny nose, cough, sore throat, and headache. If your child tests negative using an antigen test, but is still having symptoms, please do not send your child to school.

Retest in two days. Contact your healthcare provider.

Children who are sent home with a fever must be fever free for 24 hours and off fever-reducing medication before returning to school.

We cannot prevent students from returning if they have not tested.

We are encouraging vaccination in our schools and will be working with our Communications Office to encourage families and staff to get vaccinated for both COVID and the Flu.

## **COVID Procedures**

### Symptomatic

- Individuals that have COVID-19 symptoms are encouraged to test. The District can no longer require people to test.

### Tested Positive for COVID

- Isolate for 5 full days from symptom start date or positive test if asymptomatic.

- Return on Day 6 if symptoms are improving - should wear a well-fitting mask Day 6 through the end of Day 10 when around others.
- Staff need to contact Employee Benefits by emailing [benefits@rcsdk12.org](mailto:benefits@rcsdk12.org).
- Caregivers contact school nurse.

#### Masking

- The District can no longer require people to wear masks. Masks are strongly recommended when returning to work or school after testing positive for COVID on days 6-10. Masks can be obtained at your school and school clerical can request more through the warehouse.

#### Cleaning

- Regular daily cleaning is sufficient. No additional cleaning is required.

#### Notification to Families & Staff

- If and when staff or students become COVID positive, there is no notification to families, staff or to any data dashboard.