

Dear Parents:

Since the start of the school year, we have prioritized in-person learning while protecting the safety and health of our students, staff, and families. This has included access to regular COVID-19 testing for our educators and staff. We're pleased to now be able to offer regular COVID-19 testing to our students, as well.

Through the State of Minnesota's partnership with Vault, we will now be offering free COVID-19 testing kits to Middle and Upper School students.

Beginning Friday, May 7, and continuing every other Friday we will distribute testing kits to interested students. Students will bring home the testing kit. That kit is the same one used at many of the state's community testing sites as well as offered through the COVID-19 At-Home testing program.

Instructions for students:

Before starting, make sure you have not had anything to eat or drink, or chewed gum within the last 30 minutes.

- Make sure you have Zoom downloaded on the device you're using to test. You can download Zoom by going to this link: <https://zoom.us/download>
- When you're ready to take your test, go to this link: COVID.VLT.CO
 - Note: If you have used this same device to order a saliva test from Vault, you may be automatically redirected to that site, which would cause an error. If this happens, open a private browser on your device or manually type the website again to confirm it is directing to the correct site.
- You can create a login using your email or by creating a username and password.
 - If you do not remember your password, simply hit the "forgot password" button and reset it in the email you provided to register.
- Finally, you'll provide some basic information and then enter in the testing kit ID, which starts with FR or SD. You'll then be prompted to meet a Vault test supervisor over Zoom. The test supervisors will give you instructions and make sure you do the test correctly.
- After taking the test, seal it in the Biohazard bag and return it to the Student Service Office on Friday, where the kits will be collected and shipped to a Vault lab for processing.

- Once it arrives at the lab, individual test results will be ready in 24-48 hours, provided directly to the email associated with the Vault Health account. You can also access results by logging in with your email or username on Vault's website:
app.vaulthealth.com

The test results are NOT provided to the school nor reported in any identifiable way. Students and families are encouraged to inform schools of positive results so the school can take steps to prevent the spread of the virus to other students and staff.

A few additional notes:

- This optional screening program is intended to identify asymptomatic students. Participating in this testing without symptoms does **not** require any isolation or quarantine while awaiting results.
- Students who are under 18 years old will need a parent or legal guardian to provide consent on the student's behalf.
- This program is provided at no cost to you. Your insurance company will **not** be billed.
- This testing is NOT intended for students with symptoms or students who have been identified as a close contact with a person with COVID-19.