

# LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear parent/caregiver:

At Lynn Public Schools, keeping your children safe and in school is our top priority. We are writing to let you know, in accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), our district is updating our COVID-19 Testing Program. We are opting into an at-home testing program that will increase testing of our participating students and staff, regardless of vaccination status. For more information about this update to the statewide testing program, please [click here](#). The at-home testing option will begin within a month. In addition to this new at-home antigen test option, we will continue with symptomatic testing for all students and staff and routine COVID safety checks at the elementary level. As part of this shift in the program, we are discontinuing Test and Stay and contact tracing for in-school close contacts. This means that if your child is a potential contact in school, they may continue to come to school and do not have to quarantine. This new at-home testing opportunity is voluntary and only those who opt-in will receive tests. We strongly encourage you to fill out the form by January 27th to opt-in. If you have questions, please contact your school's nurse. If you need assistance completing the opt-in form, please contact the Lynn Board of Health at 781 586-6722.

## COVID-19 Testing Programs in our Schools:

1. **At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing** Your school will recommend a day for testing. [Opt-in Form](#)
2. **Routine COVID Safety Checks** every week
3. **Symptomatic Testing** as needed

## **Overview: At-Home Rapid Testing Program**

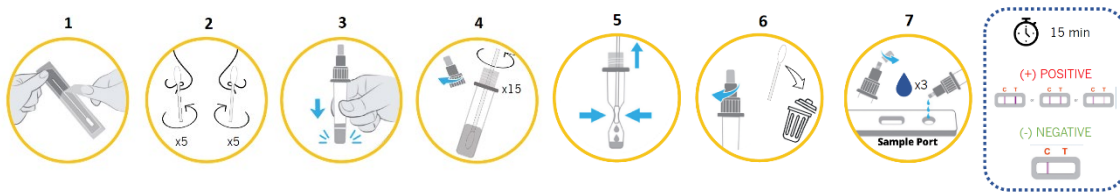
- **About the Test:** [iHealth](#) is a 15-minute at-home FDA-approved rapid antigen test
- **Opt-In:** To participate, you must opt in by completing the [Opt-in Form](#). By opting in, you will agree to review the training materials for test administration, report positive test results to your student's school, and administer the test weekly.
- **Weekly:** Every two weeks you will receive an iHealth at-home rapid test kit. Each kit contains two individual tests. Your student will administer one test each week on the day recommended by your child's school.
- **Reporting Positive Test Results:** If your student tests positive on an at-home antigen test, you will inform their school of the positive result. The school will keep the results confidential and

will not make individual results public. **In addition, it is strongly recommended that you inform your healthcare professional of the positive result.**

- **Easy, Free, and Flexible:** This test is administered at home (not at school), reducing the burden on school staff and time to administer tests, and increasing a family's flexibility to do testing in the home for free.

### How do I administer the test?

- [Click here](#) for a full "how to" written guide in various languages
- [Click here](#) for a video of an individual self-testing



### How do I submit results?

- **Submit Results:** You must submit positive test results to your student's school.
- **Confidentiality:** Positive test results are shared with your school district for informational purposes only. Individual results will remain confidential, and they will never be made public.