

Eagles360° Testing Program 2022-2023 School Year

Eagles360° Program Overview

Our Eagles360° Program has helped our staff, students, and families navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. By working together, we've kept one another healthy so students can keep learning.

Once again, we are very fortunate to offer various testing strategies to help our school community make informed decisions about their health. Regular testing, in addition to COVID-19 vaccination, physical distancing, and proper mask wearing when community transmission levels are high, is a safe, effective way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep schools open for in-person learning.

Weekly COVID-19 Screen Testing Begins After Labor Day

Saliva, PCR, lab-based testing via Midwest Coordination Center (MCC) will begin after Labor Day when the Shawnee County Community Levels is High. Currently our county is Medium.

Topeka Collegiate offers "Test to Stay" and "Test to Know, Stay and Participate" as a service to its staff and students. These tests are utilized when someone is deemed to be a Close Contact or when they become ill and symptomatic during the school day. These tests allow staff and students to remain at school, with conditions during a Quarantine period. It is our hope that with a variety of testing strategies we will reduce spread and limit school absences as much as possible.

Parental Consent Requested

For staff and students previously tested at Topeka Collegiate, no action needed. Their HIPAA Authorization is valid for two years.

- If you are new to our school or have not provided Authorization, please watch for an email from <u>testedandprotected.org</u> to complete registration.
- If you want to withdraw from testing or revoke consent at any time, please contact Jennifer Russell at <u>jrussell@topekacollegiate.org</u>.

Available testing:

- COVID-19 (POC Binax Now)
- Flu A+B*
- Strep*
- RSV*

New this year!! Our Eagles360° Coordinator will be able to test for Flu A&B, Strep and RSV throughout the school year.

*tests will only be given with Alesia Arnold's (Health Room Supervisor) recommendation.







EAGLES360° 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

This will be our fourth academic year impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In preparation, we have consulted current guidance and updated our policies accordingly.

Our motto "Freedom with Responsibility" has and will continue to guide us. The CDC and our local health department serve as our key sources of guidance regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We've implemented a core set of infectious disease prevention strategies as part of our normal operations. The potential need to add additional prevention strategies will be evaluated on an ongoing basis utilizing COVID-19 Community Levels.

- All individuals on our campus should feel welcome to wear a mask at anytime, for any reason.
- Testing is available daily, beginning at 8:00 AM in the Topeka Collegiate Wellness Room.
- Please monitor the Shawnee County Community Level to determine personal precauations make adjustments accordingly.
- Consult the SCHD Quarantine and Isolation Guidance, as needed.

QUESTIONS?

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THREE-PRONG TESTING STRATEGY

Staff and students are encouraged to participate in Topeka Collegiate's testing plan. The school requires consent by a parent/guardian prior to any testing. Testing results are confidential. Results will be communicated to parents/guardians, along with resources and next steps.

1) Test To Stay

Staff or students who are determined to be Close Contacts, but with no symptoms, will have the opportunity to have POC rapid antigen test.

A negative result will allow individuals to remain on campus during their Quarantine period. During the this time, they are required to wear a mask. Staff and students will have two COVID tests. These will take place within the first seven days after their last contact with a person with COVID. Individuals will be asked to stay home and isolate if they develop symptoms or test positive.

2) Test To Know, Stay, and Participate

Staff or students who become symptomatic while at school may have POC rapid antigen test. This test could be a flu/COVID-19 combination test.

3) Screen Testing

Screening staff and students helps to identify unknown cases more quickly so that measure can be taken to prevent further transmission. When County Levels are High, staff and students with parent/guardian online consent can be tested with PCR lab based testing one time per week. Topeka Collegiate partners with MCC for this service.

The school nurse may approve a BD Veritor rapid strep test when deemed necessary.