



Eagles360° Testing Plan



TESTING RATIONALE

Topeka Collegiate is modeling "Freedom with Responsibility" for our students throughout the pandemic. Testing is another way we can work to keep our campus healthy and safe. The CDC states in the "Testing in K-12 Schools" recommendations, dated December 4, 2020:

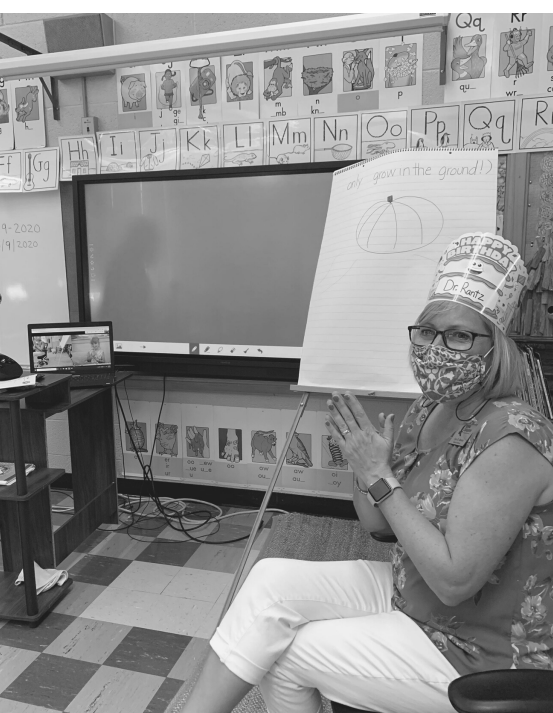
"If there is a significant spread of the virus in your community, your public health department may request significant numbers of asymptomatic 'healthy people' to be tested in order to help stop the spread of the virus."



Individuals may be asymptomatic and can unknowingly spread the virus. Providing regular testing for individuals without symptoms and with no known history of exposure can help to identify cases early, before they become large outbreaks.

The objective of testing is to reduce transmission by isolating potentially infected individuals more quickly to protect our school community and overall public health.

Testing will be incorporated into our existing comprehensive strategy to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. All precautions will remain in place, as outlined in the Eagles360° Program Guide.



TYPE OF TESTING

We are providing, at no cost to families, a polymerase chain reaction (PCR), molecular, saliva-based test. This is not a rapid-response or antigen test. This COVID-19 test detects the genetic material of the virus. The results are determined by a medical lab, not at the school, typically in less than 48 hours.



WHO WILL BE TESTED?

All current staff and students at Topeka Collegiate. Participation is not mandatory but strongly encouraged.

WINTER BREAK TESTING

Two rounds of testing are available in late December/early January to help families make informed decisions during and immediately after the winter break. These two rounds of testing will be given as "take home kits."

Parents will create an online account to receive test results, practice administering the test with their children at home, and return their samples during a designated timeframe.

Online registration and consent instructions included in each kit. Pick up/return at Topeka Collegiate.

Round One:

Test Pick Up: December 16, 2020, 7:30-11:30 AM

Test Return: December 17, 2020, 7:30-11:30 AM

Round Two*:

Test Pick Up: December 17, 2020, 7:30-11:30 AM

Test Return: January 4, 2021, 7:30-11:30 AM

**Although you will have the kit prior to the winter break, please do not collect/prepare your sample until January 3 to ensure accurate results.*



SPRING 2021 TESTING

We will provide weekly testing beginning January 11, 2021. Samples will be collected on campus. Families with Distance Learners may continue to participate by utilizing the "take home kits."

We will periodically re-evaluate the frequency of testing based on the SCHD Scorecard and our internal data.



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What happens if my child's test result is positive?

One of our internal contact tracers will work with you on notifying any close contacts. School personnel will share next steps regarding quarantine length and how to transition your child to Distance Learning.

Does this mean students no longer have to wear masks at school?

No, this testing service is an additional mitigation effort. All other precautions will continue to be in place. It's important to note that even if you receive a negative test result, you continue to be vigilant in your efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

How reliable is this test?

The PCR test is extremely reliable. According to the FDA, a PCR test is "typically highly accurate". The PCR is not an antigen test or an antibody test. Instead, it diagnoses active coronavirus infection. To ensure reliable test results, saliva samples must be returned to Topeka Collegiate within 24 hours of collection.

My child already tested positive for COVID-19. Should we test them again?

No, there is no reason to be tested again, Please opt out of testing for the 90 days following infection.

My schedule is tight in the mornings. Can I drop-off my child's sample later?

No, unfortunately we are unable to be flexible on the drop-off timeframe. In order to ensure proper handling, shipping, and timely results, our collections times are strict.

I want my child to be tested, where do I sign up?

Great! Pick up your first collection kit on Wednesday, December 16 between 7:30-11:30 AM. Follow the instructions within the kit, including registering online and consenting to testing, and return the collection on Thursday, December 17 between 7:30-11:30 AM. When you return your first sample, you will receive additional instructions for the next round of testing.

How will I get my child's test results?

The PCR test results will be sent directly to the parent who registered online, the school, and the Shawnee County Health Department.

How is this being paid for?

This diagnostic service is funded through federal COVID-19 funding.



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How should I prepare my child for the test?

Look through the kit and instructions together. What is saliva? Why are we taking this test? Make it fun and discuss how this is something we can do to help our friends and teachers stay healthy. There is an online video that models the collection from start to finish. Information on how to access this video will be provided in the test kit.

Thank you for administering the test from home during the first two rounds of testing. We believe this will make collecting samples more safe and efficient when we begin administering the test during the school day in January 2021.

If more individuals are tested positive, will that force our school to close or go to Distance Learning?

Not necessarily. In recent weeks, the school has developed additional staffing solutions to keep school open and on campus. By adding testing to the Eagles360° Program, we are adopting the CDC's position that "the more steps you take, the more you are protected against COVID-19."

Who will be tested and how often?

We hope to have all students and all staff tested on a regular basis, for as long as needed, starting the week of December 14, 2020.

I have heard that young people are less affected by COVID-19, compared to adults. Why are you testing young people?

While fewer children have been sick with COVID-19 compared to adults, children can be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, can get sick from COVID-19, and can spread the virus that causes COVID-19 to others. If you would like links to the CDC website that provide more information, please email sayhello@topekacollegiate.org.

My child is feeling a lot of anxiety. What can I do to help them?

We would be happy to share additional resources/links from the CDC on this topic. Please email sayhello@topekacollegiate.org to request this information.

Who can I contact for more information?

Please email sayhello@topekacollegiate.org for additional information. You'll also find resources at the CDC's website (<https://www.cdc.gov>) and at the Shawnee County Health Department's website (<https://www.snco.us/hd/>).

