



Everman Independent School District

One Goal... One Purpose... Student Success

Dear Everman ISD Parents and Staff:

In Everman ISD, we are committed to ensuring that staff and students stay healthy and safe. With this goal in mind, we are pleased to share that Everman ISD will participate in a statewide program offering rapid tests for use in schools. This program will allow Everman ISD to test symptomatic campus staff and students to help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 to our school community.

What COVID-19 tests are used in this program?

This program uses [BinaxNOW tests](#), which provide results in 15 minutes and are administered using a nasal swab in the front area of the nostril. These tests have been shown to be highly accurate, with accuracy rates of 97-98% for symptomatic individuals.

Who will be tested and when?

In Everman ISD, campus clinic staff will administer the test to campus staff and students that are symptomatic.

How will the information from the tests be used?

If a parent has given permission for Everman ISD to administer the BinaxNOW test for their child, a designated staff member will call and inform you that your student is experiencing symptoms and staff will be administering a BinaxNOW test. The test administrator will contact you to share the results after the test has been administered. Additionally, the student's parent or guardian will receive test results via text within 20 minutes and will also receive a confirmation email within 24 hours.

The results will be shared with the school/district and local health department to allow for public health reporting, contact tracing, and to determine the stay-at-home period for individuals who test positive. Additionally, the total number (no names) of positive tests per school will be updated on the district's website and shared with the Texas Department of State Health Services as required by law.

What happens next?

Tests are available to all students and campus staff who are showing symptoms of COVID-19 while at school. To participate, parents must complete the parent permission form.

If your child is experiencing symptoms, please do NOT send him/her to campus. Instead, contact your healthcare provider regarding COVID-19 testing.

Sincerely,

Dr. Curtis Amos
Superintendent