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COVID-19 Testing for Students and Staff

For more information about COVID-19 testing in Rhode Island, visit **covid.ri.gov/testing**.

Point your smart phone camera at the QR code on the upper right for videos about COVID-19 testing and quarantine.

When will my test results be ready?

If you were swabbed twice during your appointment, you got a rapid test and a PCR test. If you were swabbed once, you received the PCR test only.

Results from rapid tests are usually ready in 8-12 hours. Test appointments from before 3 p.m. will have rapid results in the same day. Results from appointments after 3 p.m. will be ready the following morning.

Results from PCR tests are usually ready in two days.

If you have symptoms, isolate yourself from other people in your home as much as possible while you wait for your results. If you are a close contact of someone who tested positive, but you do not have symptoms, stay home and follow quarantine guidance while you wait for your results. More information about quarantine and isolation can be found at **covid.ri.gov/whattodo**.

If your test result is POSITIVE:

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 needs to isolate for at least 10 days. After 10 days, you can return to school or work if you have been fever-free for 24 hours without using a fever-reducing medicine, and if symptoms have improved. If you tested positive but never had symptoms, you must isolate for 10 days after you had your COVID-19 test.

If your test result is NEGATIVE:

If the result of your rapid test is negative, you must stay in isolation while you wait for the result of your PCR test. If the result of your PCR test is negative, you can go back to school or work after symptoms have improved and you have been fever-free for 24 hours without using a fever-reducing medication. **Do not go to school or work if you feel sick.**

Anyone who is a close contact of a positive case should quarantine for 10 days from the last known exposure. You may shorten your quarantine to seven days if you have a negative result from a test taken five days or more after you were exposed.

Next steps

Test results can be accessed at **portal.ri.gov/results**. You will get an email or text when your results are ready.

If you need help finding your test results, call the K-12 test scheduling service at 844-857-1814 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Please wait 8-12 hours after your test appointment to call about the result of your rapid test and 48 hours to call about the result of your PCR test.

If you have the opportunity, we welcome you to take a five-minute survey on your testing experience at **tpl.fyi/schools**.

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