

Vault Testing Information

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Description of the test

The Vault at-home test is an individual, diagnostic saliva PCR test. Vault saliva test kits are administered over Zoom by a Vault test supervisor and may be used at home or school.

Vault saliva test kits were provided by the State of Minnesota in 2020 and 2021 at no cost to school and child care programs, in partnership with Vault. The State no longer accepts new orders for Vault test kits. However, schools that still have these tests, or students and staff who received these tests from schools to use at home may continue to use them until July 31, 2022.

The child care screening testing program with Vault tests ended at the end of 2021. Child care programs interested in continuing a staff screening program may make their own arrangements to use Midwest Coordination Center Pool Testing or Cue.

Considerations for use

- Vault tests are recommended for people ages 4 and older.
- Students and staff need to log into a Zoom meeting to complete the test (phone, tablet). Schools may offer space to complete the test. The Zoom session is managed by a Vault staff person and observed by a Zoom testing coordinator.
- Students and staff need to create a Vault online account with a username and password. They must also give consent to Vault to participate in testing.
- Students and staff who are 18 years of age or older may create an account and provide consent without a parent or guardian.
- Students who are under 18 years old need a parent or legal guardian present at the time of testing to provide consent on the student's behalf.
- People with or without symptoms can use Vault tests.
- It is not allowed to eat, drink, smoke, or chew gum in the 30 minutes prior to taking the test.
- Schools may send a Vault test home with students or staff, so they may test at home if they develop symptoms.
- Tests can be self-administered while being supervised over Zoom or by a local adult, such as a school nurse.

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- Adults who supervise the test in person should understand and practice standard precautions for infection prevention, including the proper use of personal protection equipment (PPE), as needed for the situation.
 - [CDC: COVID-19 Overview and Infection Prevention and Control Priorities in non-U.S. Healthcare Settings \(www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/non-us-settings/overview/index.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/non-us-settings/overview/index.html)
 - [OSHA: COVID-19 Healthcare Emergency Temporary Standard \(ETS\) \(www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets\)](https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets)
- When a test result is positive, families should notify the school, even if the test is taken at school. Schools should follow Minnesota Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention quarantine guidance: [Best Practice Recommendations for COVID-19 Prevention in Schools for the 2021-22 School Year \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/schoolrecs.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/schoolrecs.pdf).
- Information on test accuracy and any risks or side effects is available in the manufacturer instructions: [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Infinity BiologiX TaqPath SARS-CoV-2 Assay \(www.fda.gov/media/137774/download\)](https://www.fda.gov/media/137774/download).

Logistics and roles

Vault test kits and instructions may be distributed at schools to students and staff to use at home. Students and staff may also use the tests at school, if the school chooses to dedicate private space on site to take the tests.

A good, fast internet connection is required to take a Vault saliva Zoom-enabled test.

- Follow [Vault: COVID-19 At-Home Saliva Testing Instructions \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/vaultinstruct.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/vaultinstruct.pdf)
- [Vault: COVID-19 At-Home Saliva Testing Instructions \(Hmong\) \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/vaultinstructhmo.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/vaultinstructhmo.pdf)
- [Vault: COVID-19 At-Home Saliva Testing Instructions \(Somali\) \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/vaultinstructsom.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/vaultinstructsom.pdf)
- [Vault: COVID-19 At-Home Saliva Testing Instructions \(Spanish\) \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/vaultinstructspa.pdf\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/vaultinstructspa.pdf)

Taking the Vault saliva test

- Register for a Vault Health account at [Vault \(https://covidtest.vaulthealth.com\)](https://covidtest.vaulthealth.com):
 - Review how the test works.
 - Enter personal information.
 - Enter a residential address.
 - Sign a HIPAA results authorization.
 - Review test information and terms and conditions.
 - Enter any symptoms and/or exposure.
 - Join Zoom and providing a sample.
- Follow instructions from the Vault supervisor to collect saliva in the tube. This process typically takes just a few minutes.

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- Visit [Vault Health: Frequently Asked Questions \(www.vaulthealth.com/covid/consumer#faq\)](http://www.vaulthealth.com/covid/consumer#faq) for testing hours of operation and answers to other common questions.
- Wait for the Vault supervisor to say the test is done before ending the Zoom call and closing the screen.

Processing Vault Zoom test kits

- Each school must set up a method to collect test samples and ship them to the lab for processing.
- A small biohazard bag is sent home with tests. The collected sample must be placed in the bag and dropped off at a designated test collection location in the school.
- A coordinator at the drop-off site prepares the tests for mailing.
 - Up to 50 tube samples (each in its individual small biohazard bag) may be placed in a large biohazard bag.
 - Place one biohazard bag of 50 tubes in one UPS bag. **Note:** A UPS bag has a lining. Do not remove the lining from the UPS bag.

Sending completed test kits to the lab for processing

- Schedule a UPS pickup at your school. Be sure to log and keep the UPS tracking number.

OR

- Drop tests off at a UPS Store (drop-off must be at a store, not at a UPS access point). Be sure to document the shipment's return tracking number, for your own reference. [Find the UPS Store Location Near You \(www.theupsstore.com/tools/find-a-store\)](http://www.theupsstore.com/tools/find-a-store).

Schools that have Vault saliva tests **do not** need to mail them back to the State of Minnesota. Tests ordered during the 2020-21 school year can continue to be used through July 31, 2022.

Results

- Results are typically available from Vault Health within 48 hours after test samples arrive at a testing laboratory site.
- Individual test results are provided by Vault directly to the user ID or email associated with the testing participant's Vault account.
- Schools will not receive test results or Vault account information from Vault. Students and staff should inform schools of positive test results, so that the school can take steps to prevent the spread of the virus to other students, children, and staff.
- Lab results are reported to MDH by Vault, as required by law.

Legal and consent

- **The State of Minnesota makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, regarding these tests, including the use, condition, and effectiveness of tests, or the accuracy of test results. The persons ordering and taking a test accept the test "as-is" and assume all risks associated with the test. The State of Minnesota assumes no responsibility for actual, consequential, incidental, special, or exemplary damages resulting from, caused by, or associated with any test.**

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- Students and staff (age 18 and older) who are able to consent to Vault testing, and parents or guardians (age 18 and older) of students who are unable to consent to Vault testing, provide consent directly to Vault.
- Schools that offer space in the school building for students to complete their Zoom-enabled testing may want to obtain verification that the necessary consent has been provided to Vault.
- **Schools are strongly encouraged to consult with legal counsel. The State of Minnesota cannot provide legal advice to schools or school districts, and this document should not be relied on as legal advice.**
- Schools may be subject to federal and state laws that govern data and health records, which may include the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Different schools may have different federal and state obligations.
- Minnesota Statutes, section 13.04, subdivision 2, require those subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act to provide a “Tennessee Warning” containing specific information before collecting private or confidential data concerning individuals.

For more information

The state no longer accepts new orders for Vault test kits for schools. If your organization is interested in ordering additional Vault test kits using local funds, contact Vault Health at governmentsolutions@vaulthealth.com.

Additional questions related to Vault saliva Zoom-enabled test kits should be sent to COVIDTesting.MDE@state.mn.us.



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