

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has **BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits** available upon request for school systems to access when a CLIA Waived Certificate Number or community health provider has been identified.

Q: Will parent permission be required to administer the BinaxNow test. If so, will LDOE or LDH provide language for the permission slip?

A: School systems should work with their legal counsel to develop a permission slip for parents to sign if they would like their student to be tested using the BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits.

Q: Will a training video be available for our nurses to review?

A: Yes. Training is available through our Abbott reps. Additional training video can be accessed [here](#)

Q: Will information or a guiding video be available for us to share with parents regarding the test?

A: See video link above and the [LDH one-pager](#) for more information.

Q: What will the clinics be required to do with regard to reporting results? Could you explain this process?

A: All test results (positive, negative or inconclusive) need to be electronically reported to LDH. **Clinics will need to email ELR@LA.gov to be onboarded.** Essentially, there are 2 options for reporting – it may be done either through a CSV file format option or a manual entry portal. Instructions on using the secure portal can be found [here](#).

Q: Do school systems need to report positive cases to the COVID School Reporting Portal, or will the clinics handle that?

A: Whoever is performing the testing is required to report those results to the state epidemiology reporting portal and should report both positive and negative test results. If the school holds a CLIA certificate and is testing, using a school nurse, then that nurse is responsible for reporting to the state epidemiology portal. If the school partners with a local clinic for the testing, the clinic is responsible for reporting. School systems should continue to report positive COVID test results to the School Reporting Portal. For more information on the school reporting system, please email schoolcovidreporting@la.gov

Q: How does a school system obtain a CLIA waiver or a community health partner?

A: A school can apply for a waived certificate through the LDH health standards section. There are some stringent personnel requirements associated with having a CLIA certificate, even the lowest level one which is a “waived” one. LDH has encouraged schools to partner with a community healthcare partner. To inquire about a partnership, please email Arundhati.Bakshi@la.gov