

BBE Covid Testing Program: updated 1/18/22

Belgrade-Broten-Elrosa District was able to obtain a number of At-Home COVID-19 Antigen self-testing kits for our JKC (ages 2 and up) and K-12 students and staff to access free of charge. The tests are completed at home with rapid results without the need to ship samples to a lab or for a prescription from your healthcare provider. We are not allowed to administer the test at school. If anyone in your home is positive or if your students are showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, please email [jhalvorson@bbejaguars.org](mailto:jhalvorson@bbejaguars.org) for more information or to request a test kit.

We have 2 types of test kits available, the Binax NOW OTC kit and the BD Veritor at-home test kit. Both are nasal swabs. The BD Veritor at-home test requires a smart phone, utilizes the Scanwell App and is digitally read. The Binax Now test does not require a smart phone and needs to be read by the user.

BBE School will accept all positive OTC test results; these will be treated as positive tests, in that the positive student or staff member will be excluded from school with all household members also being quarantined. (See our safe learning plan for details). Please note, this is not a lab confirmed positive test so it does not guarantee exclusion from future required quarantine situations.

In situations where a student or staff member is testing to get a negative test to return early from a required quarantine (ex: household member is positive) we will accept lab confirmed tests or at-home tests that are digitally read with a time/date stamp applied. The BD Veritor at-home test would be an acceptable test for this; the Binax Now is not. Note that our tests are only labeled for ages 2 and up.

Our goal is to keep in-person school going all year. This is an important mission. Our biggest challenge in meeting that goal will be if the COVID-19 virus spreads in our schools and we do not have staff to manage a normal school day. Let us all do what we can to slow the spread for the benefit of all our staff, students, and families.