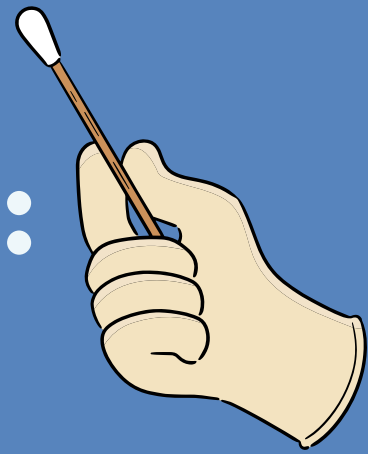


SWABS FOR COVID-19 TESTING: THE REAL STORY



COVID-19 testing offers an opportunity to stay in school, protect ourselves, and protect those around us. Having accurate and truthful information promotes informed decision making, helping keep you and your family safe.

Truth

- The COVID-19 test used in schools has a swab for shallow nasal swabbing. The student swabs only the "nose picking area" and **even young children do it easily and comfortably.**
- **The testing swab is sterile.** Ethylene oxide is used to sterilize more than half of medical supplies in the US. Sterilization is strictly regulated to make sure that after sterilization, leftover ethylene dioxide is removed from the nasal swabs.
- **Sodium azide, a substance that is not safe for ingestion, is NOT on the swab and the student does NOT come into contact with it.** A very small amount is in a dropper solution used only by the person administering the test and placed only on the card, not in the nose.

COVID-19 testing at school is safe, free, quick, and easy. Regular COVID-19 testing protects everyone. COVID-19 testing allows your student to "Test To Stay" in school, minimizing out-of-class time.

People have questions about testing. For the most accurate and up-to-date information, scan this QR code.

