WINONA AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BinaxNOW Testing Information

BinaxNOW Over-the-Counter (OTC) test is a rapid antigen COVID-19 test that uses a nasal swab. These tests are recommended for people who have symptoms of COVID-19, and results are available 15 minutes after finishing the test. The test can be used for children as young as 2 years old when an adult is doing the test for the child.

If your student tests positive for COVID-19, keep them home and away from others and call/email Jacqueline Henderson, WAPS COVID-19 Coordinator.
Email: jacqueline.henderson@winona.k12.mn.us
Phone: (507) 494-0867

Instructions are located inside the test box.
VIDEO: Guide for the BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Self Test - https://youtu.be/baQQfoX-JXo

For any questions about the BinaxNOW OTC At-Home test, please contact Abbott Labs at 1-877-441-7440 Hours: 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. (EST), Monday – Friday

BinaxNOW Testing Information and FAQ's

1. How do I test myself or someone else? Using the BinaxNOW Self Test is simple, even if you have never tested yourself before. You simply will perform a lower swab of each nostril and everything you need is included in the box. Each test kit comes with an illustrated quick reference guide to walk you through the test step by step. VIDEO: Guide for the BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Self Test - https://youtu.be/baQQfoX-JXo

2. Who should use this test? The test is indicated for all people aged 15 years or older and for children as young as 2 years old when samples are collected by an adult.

3. Should people who were vaccinated use this test? Testing will remain an essential part of our short- and long-term COVID-19 recovery strategy. The BinaxNOW Self Test will be a key tool alongside vaccination as we get back to life.

4. How will people report positive test results? People are encouraged to follow the latest [CDC guidelines](#), which is to communicate your results to the district's COVID-19 Coordinator, Jacqueline Henderson at (507) 494-0867 who is responsible for reporting your test results to the state health department. You should also report results to your healthcare provider.

5. How many tests come in a package? There are two tests (as well as two swabs and reagents) in each box.

6. How long should people wait between taking BinaxNOW Self Tests? The tests should be administered twice over three days with at least 36 hours between tests. If symptoms persist, contact your health care provider.

7. Can the BinaxNOW Self Test be thrown into the garbage after use? You can recycle the box, but should dispose of the test card, nasal swab, and test solution in common household waste, in line with the test's instructions for use.

8. How do I know if I have a positive or negative test? To check for a positive result, look at the result window for two pink or purple lines. Even a faint line next to the word "sample" on the test card is a positive result. A negative result will have only one pink or purple line on the top half of the results window where it says "control."

9. What if my test result is invalid? If your results window has any of the following, the test result may be invalid:

- No lines appear by control or sample
- The control line is blue and not pink/purple
- There is a pink/purple line by sample, but no line by control
- The control line is blue, but the sample is pink/purple

If you see an invalid result, contact the technical support on this number: +1 833-637-1594.