

COVID Testing Information for the PAVE Community

We must make every effort to prevent the spread of infection in our school and community.

If Someone in the School Community Feels Sick

If a student or teacher is feeling sick, they are required to stay home and, if their symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, are asked to get tested. If a student begins experiencing symptoms in school, they will be isolated and monitored by a dedicated staff member until they are picked up by their family. Staff members who become symptomatic at school are asked to immediately leave the building.

Whether symptoms begin at home or in school, there will be a clear flow of information to facilitate fast action and prevent spread. A positive confirmed case will trigger an investigation by NYC Test + Trace and DOHMH to determine close contacts within the school. PAVE will follow DOHMH protocol with respect to communicating to all employees, families and students once a case is laboratory confirmed.

PAVE will continue to closely monitor health conditions closely by tracking the infection rates in the following zip codes:

- 11231- residence of 57% of students
- 11215- residence of 12% of staff
- 11220- residence of 11% of students
- 11232- residence of 6% of students

PAVE will evaluate and decide on necessary steps to mitigate further spread of infection.

Testing in the PAVE Community

In the interest of the health and safety of our community, DOHMH recommends that all New Yorkers get tested, whether or not you have symptoms or are at increased risk.

Members of the PAVE Community may visit any testing location across the city which they can find on NYC's information portal [here](#). Testing sites nearby PAVE include, but are not limited to:

- **NYC Health + Hospitals/Red Hook Recreation Center:** 151 Bay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231
- **ProHEALTH Urgent Care - Carroll Gardens:** 330 Court St, Brooklyn, NY 11231
- **CityMD Urgent Care- Cobble Hill:** 228-230 Court St, Brooklyn, NY 11201
- **PM Pediatrics Urgent Care - Cobble Hill:** 240 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11201
- **CityMD Urgent Care- Park Slope:** 420 5th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11215

The COVID-19 diagnostic test is safe, free, and easy. A nasal swab, oral swab or saliva sample may be used. Most results are returned in about 3-5 days. You do **not** need insurance to get a diagnostic test.

Even if someone takes a COVID test that is negative, they should get tested again if they:

- are concerned about possible exposure
- have spent time in a large crowd
- have had exposure to someone with confirmed or possible COVID-19
- have symptoms
- work in a congregate setting like a nursing home or shelter are planning to visit someone at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness

Family Empowerment - Public Health

PAVE will provide families with regular communication around public health guidelines. Throughout the school year, PAVE will also provide supportive reminders to parents/guardians regarding public health best practices and requirements via the following methods:

- PAVE will include public health guidelines in our Hybrid Learning Kickoff: Family Town Hall before schools reopens for in person instruction, and again on an as needed basis to address any changes which should occur during the school year.
- Families will be given multiple methods of communicating with PAVE on issues related to student health screenings, and will ensure language is in the family's native language.
- Regular reminders via automated telephone message on school phone
- Regular reminders via SchoolMint, emails, and texts in the family's native language
- Weekly newsletters will contain quick tips and reminders about social distancing, hand washing and use of hand sanitizer, use of face coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth, cleaning of face coverings, respiratory and cough etiquette, and enhanced cleaning/disinfection of surfaces.

Testing for PAVE Employees

It is suggested that all staff members take a COVID-19 test in the days before the first day of school. PAVE will facilitate access to onsite testing both before the start of the school year and once a week during the school year while staff is in person at the building. More details will follow as they are confirmed. All tests will be provided free of charge.

If a staff member is unable to get a test onsite at PAVE, they may visit a testing location which they can find on NYC's information portal [here](#), including the locations listed above.