

May I use an 'over-the-counter' at-home COVID-19 antigen test if my student is identified as a close contact?

COVID-19 testing access is better than ever. It is not difficult to obtain a COVID-19 test; in fact, there are now five FDA-approved **at-home tests** available from your local retail pharmacy. These are rapid antigen tests; it is important to note, however, that the Maine Dept. of Education is **not yet accepting home-administered COVID-19 tests** for the purposes of returning to school following a potential exposure. They may provide you with peace of mind, but for return-to-school purposes, you will need to have a test administered at an official test site.

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