COVID-19 TESTING RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS/STAFF

As you know ZED already offers all students and staff the opportunity for weekly COVID-19 testing using the Vault PCR saliva test. Every Monday, during the 2021-22 school year (or until further notice), the Vault take home test kits are available for any students/staff. These completed kits must be returned to the ZED District Office (801 Frontage Rd NW, Byron) by Tuesday at 3:15pm. ZED handles organizing and sending them out. All results are ready in 24-48 hours.

In addition to ZED's school based COVID-19 testing program for students and staff, all Minnesotans can get tested at local providers, pharmacies, and clinics. The state is also continuing to make free testing accessible to all communities through its test-at-home program and 11 community testing sites. To meet increased testing demand, the state recently expanded its capacity by opening new community sites.

How Minnesotans can get a COVID-19 test:

- Walk in or schedule an appointment for a free test at one of the state's 11 community testing sites across Minnesota: COVID-19 Community Testing Sites.
- Order a free test through the state's at-home testing program: COVID-19 Test at Home.
- Find other testing options near them through the state's Find Testing Locations map, including through local providers, pharmacies and clinics: Find Testing Locations.

Who Should Get Tested

- Even if you are vaccinated, Minnesotans should get tested:
    - if you have symptoms of the virus;
    - if you have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19;
    - if you are returning from international travel;
    - or if you have attended a large gathering or event where people are not wearing masks and are not able to stay 6 feet apart.
- People who are unvaccinated should test before travel (domestic or international).
- Unvaccinated teachers, staff and students in K-12 should test weekly at a minimum or more frequently per CDC guidance.
- With the at-home program and 11 community testing sites offering free testing across the state, the state has made it easy for Minnesotans to find a test.