



# COVID Testing at Deposit CSD

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In January, 2021, Deposit CSD received a temporary certificate from the New York State Department of Health to act as a lab site. Specifically, the certificate allows Deposit CSD to test symptomatic staff and students for COVID at no cost to our staff or families. Our nurses have been trained by our partners at UHS. Here are some facts to keep in mind:

- Testing is mostly effective for patients who have had symptoms for 7 days or less. Symptoms to warrant testing consist of but are not limited to the following:
  - temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
  - Sore throat
  - New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/ asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
  - Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
  - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- Asymptomatic (People with no COVID symptoms) will not be tested due to uncertainty of the result.
- Consent must be signed by a parent or guardian prior to testing. You can find the consent form on the website at:  
<https://www.depositcsd.org/Downloads/School%20COVID%20Testing%20Consent%20r.pdf>  
This is a fillable pdf and parents only need to fill out the highlighted bottom section.
- When a symptomatic student presents for testing and the test is negative, the student is sent home until symptoms are improving. The student may return to school within 24 hours if their symptoms are improving **AND** they have been fever free for 24 hours.
- If the test is positive, the student is sent home and the Health Department is notified. The district will follow the county rules for quarantine and isolation depending on what county the student lives in (Broome/Delaware).

If your child becomes symptomatic in the evening or in the morning prior to school, we will arrange a drive through service for testing. To arrange this service, please contact Mrs. Diemer ([Idiemer@deposit.stier.org](mailto:Idiemer@deposit.stier.org)) or Mrs. O'Connor ([mocconor@deposit.stier.org](mailto:mocconor@deposit.stier.org)). You do not have to be a patient of UHS in order to be tested. We hope this service is valuable to our families and staff.