

Community-based Testing Resources for Students and Parents in Erie County

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If your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and you are seeking a negative test result so that they can return to school, you have several community-based testing options.

Before you get started, please note the following:

- There are three ways a student can return to school after experiencing COVID-19 symptoms:
 - 1) provide a negative NAAT (PCR) test, **OR**
 - 2) provide a doctor's note with an alternative diagnosis, **OR**
 - 3) stay out of school for 10 days since the onset of symptoms.

These apply to all symptomatic students, regardless of vaccination status. **Note: a PCR test is a type of NAAT test.**

- When symptomatic and testing to return to school, the test performed must be an FDA-approved NAAT COVID-19 test. A NAAT test is a Nucleic Acid Amplification Test, such as a polymerase chain reaction or PCR. Your child's school will not accept the results of a non-NAAT test. Antibody test results and any at-home test results also will not be accepted.
- If you choose to provide a negative NAAT test to return to school, then you do **not** need a doctor's note as well. Just keep in mind that in addition to the negative test, your child must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and showing symptom improvement.
- If your child is symptomatic and receives multiple tests and one of those tests comes back negative while another comes back positive, your child will be treated as a positive.
- If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and becomes symptomatic, they still need to be tested to return to school (**or** provide a doctor's note with alternative diagnosis **or** stay out for 10 days since onset of symptoms). If they test positive the health department will then assess whether this is a repeat positive or a reinfection.

This document includes community-based testing options within Erie County that offer NAAT COVID-19 tests and are either free or accept health insurance. If your child does not have health insurance, please call this toll-free number 1-800-698-4KIDS (1-800-698-4543), and ask about Child Health Plus and Children's Medicaid. You can also visit https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/child_health_plus/

1. Erie County Department of Health – testing locations across Erie County

- Call 716-858-2929 to schedule an appointment
- Appointments required
- All testing is provided free of charge
- Available to Erie County residents only
- No insurance information is requested or required
- Drive up sample collection
- PCR testing resulted in 1-3 business days
- Results reported by phone to patient; fax to school medical office; or pick up by patient at Erie County Rath Building

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2. Rite Aid – 34 testing locations across Erie County

- Go to <https://www.riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing> to schedule an appointment
- All testing is provided free of charge
 - No insurance information is requested at time of registration
 - Rite Aid will automatically pull from funding via Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Sample collection is done at drive-thru
- PCR testing resulted in 3-5 days
- Results reported to patient via email address that was provided at time of registration

3. Walgreens – 20 testing locations across Erie County

- Go to https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/covid19/testing?ban=covid_vanity_testing and select “Get Started”
- All testing is provided free of charge
- Insurance information is requested at time of registration
 - **If you provide insurance information**, Walgreens will first seek to bill your insurance for reimbursement. If it is denied for any reason, **you will not see a bill**. Walgreens will automatically pull from funding via Health and Human Services (HHS).
 - **If you do not provide your insurance information, you will not see a bill**. Walgreens will automatically pull from funding via Health and Human Services (HHS).
- Sample collection is done at drive-thru
- PCR testing resulted in 1-2 days
- Results reported to patient via email address that was provided at time of registration

4. KSL Diagnostics – 2 testing locations in Erie County

- Go to <https://gsign.me/eyo> or scan the QR code to register
- **Insurance information must be provided as not to incur charges**
 - If you do not provide insurance information, you will be responsible for the cost of your child’s test
 - No insurance information is requested at time of registration
 - Once you arrive at the location, you will be asked to provide insurance information. KSL Diagnostics will bill your insurance for reimbursement.
- Call your pediatrician and ask them to fax a script to your desired testing location
 - If using 1000 Youngs Road, Williamsville, NY 14221 then fax to 716-559-1582
 - If using 28 Best Street, Buffalo, NY 14209 then fax to 716-800-6057
- **A prescription for testing is preferred but not required; if you do not have a prescription, testing is still available**
- No appointment is necessary
- Sample collection is done as drive-up
- PCR testing resulted same-day if collected before 1:00 pm
- Results reported to patient via email



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Rite Aid Testing Sites – www.riteaid.com

13090 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004
12983 Main St, Akron, NY 14001
3249 Sheridan Dr, Amherst, NY 14226
3924 Harlem Rd, Amherst, NY 14226
8530 Transit Rd, Amherst, NY 14221
9062 Erie Rd, Angola, NY 14006
1625 Broadway, Buffalo, NY 14212
1941 Seneca St, Buffalo, NY 14210
476 William St, Buffalo, NY 14206
1410 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209
2047 Sheridan Dr, Buffalo, NY 14223
789 Tonawanda St, Buffalo, NY 14207
2865 Elmwood Ave, Kenmore, NY 14217
654 Colvin Ave, Kenmore, NY 14217
2585 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14214
291 W Ferry St, Buffalo, NY 14213
2474 Bailey Ave, Buffalo, NY 14215
5447 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221
2401 Genesee St, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
2887 Harlem Rd, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
3950 Union Rd, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
6000 Transit Rd, Depew, NY 14043
4900 Broadway, Depew, NY 14043
60 Central Ave, Lancaster, NY 14086
9160 Main St, Clarence, NY 14031
190 Main St, East Aurora, NY 14052
3071-3085 South Park Ave, Lackawanna, NY 14218
3050 Union Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127
140 Pine St, Hamburg, NY 14075
6939 Erie Rd, Derby, NY 14047
40 W Main St, Springville, NY 14141
81 W Main St, Gowanda, NY 14070
214 Central Ave, Silver Creek, NY 14136
47 Niagara St, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Walgreens Testing Sites – www.walgreens.com

9217 Main St, Clarence, NY 14031
5275 Transit Rd, Buffalo, NY 14221
2970 Niagara Falls Blvd, Amherst, NY 14228
3564 Delaware Ave, Tonawanda, NY 14217
2601 Sheridan Dr, Tonawanda, NY 14150
3605 Sheridan Dr, Amherst, NY 14226
2739 Delaware Ave, Kenmore, NY 14217
1556 Hertel Ave, Buffalo, NY 14216
3488 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14214
2043 Kensington Ave, Amherst, NY 14226
578 Dick Rd, Depew, NY 14043
4815 Broadway, Depew, NY 14043

815 Harlem Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224
1180 French Rd, Cheektowaga, NY 14227
1328 Abbott Rd, Lackawanna, NY 14218
3008 Union Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127
6199 South Park Ave, Hamburg, NY 14075
10 Young Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150
650 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202
2320 Grand Island Blvd, Grand Island, NY 14072

KSL Diagnostics Testing Sites

1000 Youngs Road, Williamsville, NY 14221, 800-960-1080, FAX 716-559-1582
28 Best Street, Buffalo, NY 14209, 800-960-1080, FAX 716-800-6057

Medlab, Inc. Testing Site

4110 N Buffalo St, Orchard Park, NY 14127, 716-320-3001

Immediate Care Testing Sites

2099 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY 14228, 716-564-2273
2497 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14216, 716-874-2273
5014 Transit Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14043, 716-684-2273
3050 Orchard Park Road, Orchard Park, NY 14224, 716-675-3700
7616 Transit Road, Williamsville, NY 14221, 716-204-2273

WellNow Testing Sites

1956 Ridge Road, West Seneca, NY 14224
3245 Southwestern Blvd, Orchard Park, NY 14127
4909 Southwestern Blvd, Hamburg, NY 14075
4827 Transit Road, Depew, NY 14043
3450 Union Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14225
3921 Harlem Rd, Buffalo, NY 14226
1751 Sheridan Dr, Buffalo, NY 14223
5965 Transit Rd, East Amherst, NY 14051
225 S Cascade Dr, Springville, NY 14141

Pediatric Urgent Care Testing Sites

1800 Maple Road, Suite #100, Williamsville, NY 14221, 716-636-5437
3055 Southwestern Blvd., Suite 104, Orchard Park, NY 14127, 716-636-5437

5. Medlab, Inc. – 1 location in Erie County

- Go to <https://medlabinc.com/schedule/> to schedule an appointment
- All testing is provided free of charge
 - No insurance information is requested at time of registration
 - Once you arrive at the location, you will be asked to provide insurance information. **If you provide insurance information**, Medlab, Inc. will first seek to bill your insurance for reimbursement. If it is denied for any reason, **you will not see a bill**. Medlab, Inc. will automatically pull from funding via Health and Human Services (HHS).
 - **If you do not provide your insurance information, you will not see a bill**. Medlab, Inc. will automatically pull from funding via Health and Human Services (HHS).
- Sample collection is done as walk-up
- PCR testing resulted same-day if you are tested in the morning and next day if you are tested in the afternoon
- No prescription required
- Results reported to patient via patient portal

6. Urgent Care Centers: Immediate Care, WellNow, Pediatric Urgent Care

- It's important to contact your insurance carrier to learn about your coverage details before making an appointment at these facilities. While they accept insurances (check to see that yours is accepted), allowable reimbursements vary and copays may apply.
- Insurances are accepted and will be billed, any remaining balance will be billed to the patient
- Make an appointment online or walk-in
- PCR testing is provided but may require an office visit fee as well
- Test result times vary but can be same-day
- Results reported to patient via phone call and patient portal

7. New York State Department of Health searchable map – Find a Test Site Near You

- <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>

These COVID-19 test locations are provided based on information from their web sites. This information is subject to change.

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