

What you need to know:

- **COVID-19 Testing is still recommended in K-12 schools.** The [Utah COVID-19 School Manual](#) will continue to provide updated information and guidelines for K-12 schools based on emerging science, available data, and best practices throughout the summer months and the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Schools may continue to conduct their own COVID-19 testing beyond the requirements and timeframes outlined in the current [public health order](#).** Schools may also request testing assistance from the state's Mobile Testing Team (visit <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/school-training/> for more information)
- As part of the ongoing COVID-19 testing effort, **the REDCap system will undergo an update on July 1st, 2021.** This update will include the clearing of all registrations and testing results from the last school year from the REDCap system to prepare for the upcoming school year. All students and faculty will need to register with REDCap again for the new 2021-2022 school year after July 1st.
- **If you have any questions regarding REDCap or upcoming system changes please contact the REDCap notifications team:** (385) 286-0296 or toll-free 1-855-222-7531 Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. or by email at REDCapnotifications@utah.gov

K-12 REDCap School Partners,

Utah led the nation in finding ways to keep schools open for in-person learning, while many schools across the country closed their doors this last school year. Masking and testing strategies, like Test to Play and Test to Stay, have been key reasons schools in Utah have remained open. We thank you for your perseverance and strong partnerships with state and local public health over the last year. _

The current [public health order](#) that requires Test to Play of those participating in high school extracurricular activities remains in effect until the last day of the 2020-21 school year or June 15, whichever comes first. The only testing required by law past that date will be Test to Stay as outlined by [Senate Bill 107](#), which requires testing of K-12 school populations that reach a certain COVID-19 case count threshold (2% for schools with 1,500+ students, or 30 cases for schools with less than 1,500 students). In addition, the quarantine and isolation protocols outlined in the [COVID-19 School Manual](#) remain in effect until otherwise noted by the Utah Department of Health.

The [Utah COVID-19 School Manual](#) will continue to provide updated information and guidelines for K-12 schools based on emerging science, available data, and best practices. This resource should continue to be a key reference document for you over the summer months and throughout the upcoming school year.

Testing for COVID-19 in K-12 schools will continue to be important as emerging COVID-19 variants pose a higher risk of infection in adolescent and child populations and vaccination is not yet available to most children. Testing helps identify people who have COVID-19 quickly before the virus has a chance to spread, and keeps schools safe for in-person learning.

Schools may conduct their own testing beyond these requirements and timeframes. You can continue to request tests on a monthly basis throughout the summer and 2021-22 school year, as well as testing support from the Utah Department of Health Mobile Testing Teams (visit <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/school-training/> for more information about conducting testing and to request testing assistance from the state's Mobile Testing Team).

As part of the ongoing testing effort, the REDCap system will undergo an update on July 1st, 2021. This update will include the clearing of all registrations and testing results from the last school year to prepare for the upcoming school year. All students and faculty will need to register with REDCap again for the new 2021-2022 school year after July 1st using your school's unique web link. Records from the 2020-2021 school year will be maintained in the statewide COVID-19 surveillance system (EpiTrax), but will not be available for viewing through REDCap after July 1st.

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Thank you for your partnership,

Utah Department of Health REDCap & K-12 Testing Team

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