



School Staff/Student COVID-19 Test Information

The Florida Department of Health in Sarasota in partnership with Sarasota County Schools is offering **PCR testing** for **symptomatic** staff or students for all public, private, and charter schools in Sarasota County. In certain situations, family members of staff or students may be eligible for testing. This testing will be available by appointment only. The **PCR test** will consist of an oral swab collected by a DOH Sarasota nurse. Specimens will be sent to the Health Department Laboratory for processing, with results being returned in approximately 48 hours.

To be eligible for testing, the individual must be a **symptomatic** student or staff member of Sarasota County. If a **symptomatic** family member needs to be tested to determine staff or student’s quarantine, they may be tested as well.

Symptoms may include any (or all) of the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Fatigue
- Shortness of Breath
- Congestion
- GI Issues
- Headaches
- Body Aches
- Sweats
- Loss of taste/smell
- Chills

*****NO MOUTHWASH OR MOUTHWASH PRODUCTS NIGHT BEFORE OR DAY OF PCR TEST*****

To request a test, school staff or student’s parent/guardian must complete the included COVID-19 Test Request form and email it to dohsrqcovid19@flhealth.gov. DOH staff will contact you to provide the appointment time and location. **If you are unable to send the request form, please call 941-861-2941.** When leaving a voicemail, please include your name and a return phone number. **Please remember to STAY home until test results are available.**

DOH Sarasota Testing Locations

Sarasota County Schools
 Transportation and Facilities
 2080 Citizens Parkway
 North Port, FL 34288
 Monday - Friday
Hours: 9:00 am – 12:45 pm

School Board Materials
 Management
 101 Old Venice Road
 Osprey, FL 34429
 Monday - Friday
Hours: 8:30 am – 1:45 pm

Department of Health
 2200 Ringling Blvd.
 Sarasota, FL 34237
 Monday - Friday
Hours: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Other testing locations are available if the times or locations above are not convenient

5400 Old Bradenton Road
 Sarasota, 34234
 Monday thru Saturday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm*

Robert L. Taylor
 Community Complex
 1845 34th Street
 Sarasota 34234
 Monday – Friday
9 am – 4 pm*

Atwater Park
 4475 Skyway Avenue
 North Port 34288
 Monday-Friday
9 am – 4 pm*

*Operating times subject to change, may close during inclement weather

More COVID testing resources are here: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>