
APS “Test to Return” Protocol A: for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

Return to school: On day 11 OR on days 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, provided the Individual:

- Has tested negative on a rapid antigen test; and
- Has been without fever for 24 hours (and without taking fever-reducing medications); and,
- Has experienced improvement in other symptoms; and
- Can mask for 5 additional days when around others, except when eating. If a student cannot mask, follow [DESE protocol/FAQ](#).

If an individual tests positive as part of a group pooled test, the 5-day period begins the day the positive group pooled test is collected.

About “Testing to Return:”

- Only APS rapid antigen tests must be used for return testing after an infection.
- **Students may only “test to return” one time between days 6 and 10.**
 - Students who test positive must continue to quarantine until Day 11.
 - Students who test negative may attend school the following day.
- **For the month of January, “Test to return” will take place at Arlington High School from 3:30-4:30pm Monday-Thursday.** Please come to the circle drive by Main Entrance #2 off of Mill Brook Dr.
 - Walk into the AHS courtyard and enter through gates on the right side.
 - A staff member will check you in and administer the antigen test.
 - You will leave immediately after your test and we will email you with the results.

APS will also have a one-time clinic on **Sunday, January 9th from 2pm-4pm at Arlington High School in the courtyard (access parking from Mill Brook Dr). Only students who were symptomatic or tested positive for COVID-19 between 1/1/2022 and 1/5/2022 and who meet the criteria in APS Protocol A are eligible to attend this clinic.**

APS has the ability to provide test-to-return in alternative locations as necessary for families who cannot access Arlington High School. Please discuss any testing or transportation challenges with your school administrator to make alternative arrangements.