

KDHE Free Testing for School Events

Due to the high risk of transmission, KDHE does not recommend holding proms, graduations or other school events. However, if a school chooses to hold these events, KDHE has free rapid antigen testing available for districts and schools to use with attendees prior to the event. Full guidance on testing and safety precautions for these events can be found [on the KDHE website](#).

Obtain a CLIA Certificate of Waiver and consent

You'll need a CLIA certificate of waiver before you can test. You can get this with help from KDHE or contact your county health department or a local healthcare provider to see if you can test using theirs. You'll also want to get consent, including parental consent for minors.

Decide when and where to test

If your event is in the morning, KDHE recommends testing the night before. If your event is in the afternoon or evening, we recommend testing the morning of. Make sure your testing location allows for social distancing and that you encourage everyone to continue to socially distance between the testing and event start time.

Decide how you'll report results

All results, both positive and negative, must be reported to KDHE within 24 hours. You'll also need to provide test results to each individual tested. KDHE has a tool called LabXchange that can make both of these processes quick and easy.

Have a plan for anyone who tests positive

The rapid antigen tests supplied give results in 15 minutes. If you have someone test positive, you'll want to figure out whether to exclude them from the event or have a confirmation testing process in place. KDHE may be able to assist with this confirmation testing, or you can work with your local health department or healthcare provider.

Don't forget other safety protocols!

Require masks to be worn at your event and provide ample space and supplies for handwashing and social distancing. Stagger start times and entrances to avoid gathering crowds. Full safety recommendations can be found in the [guidance](#) on our website.

For more information on this testing program, or to set up a time to discuss how testing can benefit your school event, email Lacey Kennett, KDHE Preparedness Public Information Officer, at Lacey.Kennett@ks.gov or by calling (785) 296-1984.