

Frequently Asked Questions about Covid-19 Testing on the St. Paul's Campus

Where should I go at the time of the appointment?

St. Paul's School for Boys middle school students, lower school faculty, and *all* middle school faculty will test in the SP gymnasium. Please park in the parking lot across from the baseball field and enter the gym via the lower entrance (i.e., the "link"). Please do *not* enter via the front entrance to Middleton across from the lower school, as students who have completed testing will exit that way.

Preschool faculty, lower school students, St. Paul's School for Girls middle school students, and *all* upper school students (boys and girls) will test in the SPSG gymnasium. Please park in the main SPSG lot and enter through the front of the gym. You will check in at the Performance Gym before proceeding to the testing area in the Price Gym.

Do I need to accompany my child into the building?

Please accompany your lower school child into the building for testing. If your middle or upper school student is comfortable going in independently, that is fine and will reduce the number of people in the gym. If you are sending your child without a parent, please make sure you have completed the St. Paul's waiver online in advance.

What should I bring on the day of testing?

Please bring a copy of your insurance card and a copy of your student's personal identification if your student is old enough to have one. If you do not have access to a photocopier, you can scan or take a picture with your phone or tablet and print that image/document.

If I have more than one child being tested on Dec. 4, can they test in the same location?

Yes, although we have assigned different testing locations for different divisions, you can pick a single location and have all of your children tested there. All of your children's registration information will be available in both locations.

Can my upper school student test on the earlier date with my younger children?

Due to the very high demand for testing on Dec. 4 for those who need to return to campus on Dec. 7, we are asking that all upper school children wait until Dec. 7 or 8 to be tested.

Will we have the results in time for my child to return to campus as scheduled?

FiveMedicine has assured us that they will turn around the testing results in time for students to return to campus on Dec. 7 (lower school, middle school) or Dec. 10 (upper school).

What if my child or someone in our household has symptoms on testing day?

Please complete the Magnus health screening the morning of the Covid test and answer as truthfully as possible. We ask that you do **not** come to campus if you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid-like illness, as outlined in the Magnus app. If your child is sick, please contact your pediatrician for guidance on next steps.

What is the cost of the test for families? What if the cost represents a financial hardship?

The cost of these tests is \$55, which includes a \$25 test fee plus a \$30 administrative fee.

FiveMedicine will bill your insurance carrier directly for the test fee. You will be responsible for paying the \$30 administrative fee per test, which will be billed to your student account. In the unlikely event that your insurance does not cover the test, you will be responsible for the \$25 test fee as well.

Please note that we will cover half the cost of the test(s) for any families who receive tuition assistance of 50 percent or more. Also, families with more than two children at St. Paul's will only pay for the first two tests. These adjustments will be made automatically by our billing department.

What if our family does not have insurance?

For families who receive tuition assistance of 50 percent or more and do not have insurance, the school will automatically pay half of your administrative and testing cost and you will be responsible for the remaining \$27.50 per test.

Are other family members (e.g., parents and siblings who attend other schools) able to be tested as well?

Unfortunately, due to time constraints and staffing limitations, we only have the capacity to test St. Paul's employees and students.

What if I made a mistake on the form and my name is appearing in the field where my child's name should be?

Please alert us to the error so that we can reach out to FiveMedicine and try to have the registration corrected in advance. If we are unable to fix the registration issue online, we will work through the issue when you arrive on campus.

What kind of test will FiveMedicine administer?

[FiveMedicine](#) will administer a PCR test using a swab to collect a sample from inside the nostril. This test does not go deep into the nasal cavity and is suitable for young children.

Are the results guaranteed to be accurate?

FiveMedicine has extensive experience testing in school environments. This particular testing technology has high sensitivity and specificity. However, false positives and false negatives are possible with any Covid test, and you should not rely solely on the results of this test to make decisions for your child.

What if I opt *not* to have my child tested?

If you opt *not* to get tested, your child should switch to distance learning for 14 days and your account will not be billed for the \$30 administrative fee. Please let your child's division head know if this is your plan so that we can make accommodations for distance learning.

What if I opt to have my child tested elsewhere?

You may choose to have your child tested off campus. If you choose to use another [testing site](#), the date of testing should be no earlier than Dec. 2. We only accept PCR tests, and you must email the negative result to the school nurse (nurses@stpaulsmd.org).

What if my child tests positive?

Your child should go into isolation for 10 days and other members of the household should quarantine. Your child's division head will receive a list of students who will be switching to distance learning for the two-week period following the test. Please also reach out to the school nurse (nurses@stpaulsmd.org) to discuss details relating to contact tracing.

Does St. Paul's plan to test again? What about after winter break?

We feel that this additional precaution will provide an added layer of information and confidence to bring students and faculty back to campus in person following the Thanksgiving break. It also will help to inform decisions about future testing. We will keep the community apprised about any plans for ongoing surveillance testing or for reentry testing following the winter break.

Do I need to be tested if I plan to learn or work remotely?

If you do not plan to be on campus for any reason or for any amount of time Dec. 7–18, then you may opt out of testing. Otherwise, we ask that you please support us in keeping the community safe by participating in the testing program.