

Project: ACE-IT Expanded Testing Guidelines for Montgomery County Schools and Districts, effective March 2021

The following reflect expanded testing guidelines for Project: ACE-IT participants, developed and approved collaboratively by participating county health departments and CHOP.

Approved:

1. Testing out of quarantine for in school/school event exposure

- Testing Method: Cue
- Timing: 5-7 days after exposure
- Requirement: Each school must submit plan for implementation to county health dept.
 - School-related exposures to index case only
 - Must remain asymptomatic and have no further exposures
 - Testing must be done using a model that does not allow a quarantined individual to enter the school for testing.

2. Athletics

- Frequency: Twice a week
- Testing Method: Antigen
- Requirement: Each school must submit plan for implementation to county health dept.
 - Testing should be timed to align with the day of a scrimmage/competition.

3. Drama/Music/Band

- Frequency: Twice a week
- Testing Method: Antigen
- Requirement: Each school must submit plan for implementation to county health dept.
 - Testing should be timed to align with the day of a performance.

4. Rites of Passage (Prom & Graduation)

- Timing: within 48 hours of event
- Testing Method: Antigen
- Requirement: Each school must submit plan for implementation to county health dept.

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Pending Approval/Still in Discussion:

5. Increasing Student Testing;
 - a. Limited 'point prevalence' studies on samples of student population
 - b. Assurance testing on full school population, leveraging pooled testing
- Requirements: TBD, but criteria will include demonstration of several weeks' success in staff assurance testing at scale. Each school will work closely with county health dept. and CHOP to develop implementation plan.
6. Home testing for low incidence students
 - Dependent on availability of tests approved for home use
 - Timing & Requirements: TBD