

Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa District was able to obtain a number of OTC BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen self-testing kits for our K-12 students and staff to access free of charge. The test is completed at home with rapid results without the need to ship samples to a lab or for a prescription from your healthcare provider. We are not allowed to administer the test at school. If anyone in your home is positive or if your students are showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, please email jhalvorson@bbejaguars.org for more information or to request a test kit.

Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa Schools will accept the result of OTC COVID-19 tests in cases where we do not require a lab confirmed test to return early from quarantine. All positive OTC test results will be treated as positive tests, in that the positive student or staff member will be excluded from school for 10 days with all family members also being quarantined. (See our safe learning plan for details). Please note, this is not a lab confirmed positive test so it does not guarantee exclusion from future required quarantine situations.

In situations where a student or staff member is testing to get a negative test to return early from a required quarantine (ex: household member is positive) we will continue to require proof of a lab-confirmed negative test.

Our goal is to keep in-person school going all year. This is an important mission. Our biggest challenge in meeting that goal will be if the COVID-19 virus spreads in our schools and we do not have staff to manage a normal school day. Let us all do what we can to slow the spread for the benefit of all our staff, students, and families.