

**04/06/2023 Subject: Reminder: Test for COVID-19 Before Returning to School**

Dear CPS Families and Staff,

We hope that you are having an enjoyable spring break. As we get ready to return to school on Monday, April 10, please keep COVID-19 precautions in mind so we can keep our school communities safe and healthy — especially as many are celebrating holidays with loved ones over the break.

**Get Tested for COVID-19**

As we have seen in years past, COVID-19 spreads more rapidly when students and staff are gathering outside of the classroom on school breaks. **Before returning to class on Monday, we highly encourage everyone to test for COVID-19.**

If you did not pick up an at-home COVID-19 test from your school before spring break, tests are also available for free at all Chicago Public Libraries through Sunday, April 9. [Click here](#) to find your local branch.

You can also get tests at many medical providers, pharmacies, grocery stores, and other locations. You can also request free rapid at-home COVID tests from the government at [covid.gov/tests](https://covid.gov/tests); however, these tests may not arrive in time to test before returning to school.

**Stay Home If You Feel Sick or Test Positive**

Please stay home and test for COVID-19 if you feel sick, even if your symptoms are mild or you don't think you have the virus. If a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19, please report the positive test at [cps.edu/covidresults](https://cps.edu/covidresults) and follow the guidance [here](#).

Thank you for helping keep our school communities healthy and safe, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, April 10.

-Chicago Public Schools