



ConvenientMD

URGENT CARE

Safer at School Screening (SASS)  
Program Approved Partner

# SASS PROGRAM GUIDE FOR PARENTS

ConvenientMD Urgent Care and The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has partnered with your school to offer the Safer at School Screening (SASS) Program for this upcoming school year. With a common goal of full, in-person learning in mind, ConvenientMD will be performing FREE COVID-19 testing for select populations of asymptomatic students, staff and faculty. The custom testing plan, cadence, and population has been determined by your school.

“Surveillance testing is a necessary tactic to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19 throughout the school’s population and their families. As the positivity rate due to the Delta variant continues to rise, we must take every possible action to minimize the spread, wearing masks is important but not enough. Thank you to the NH DHHS for allowing ConvenientMD to offer this testing to our schools across the state of New Hampshire.”

**Mark Pundt, MD**

President and Chief Medical Officer, ConvenientMD Urgent Care

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What does consent mean and how long does it last?

‘Consent’ means as a parent or guardian you are agreeing to let your student participate in the weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly COVID-19 SASS Program. You are only required to ‘consent’ once, but if you decide to opt out of testing after you ‘consent’ you will need to contact your school administrator.

### What type of test will be administered?

ConvenientMD administers the “gold standard” of COVID-19 testing which is the PCR test. The sample will be obtained by a ConvenientMD team member or trained school personnel. At current volume levels, the ConvenientMD lab results 98% of tests within 24 hours after the specimen reaches the laboratory. *Rapid tests are not as reliable in asymptomatic patients and will not be offered as part of the SASS Program.*

### How are the samples for COVID-19 collected?

Anterior Nares (not nasopharyngeal) - A swab will be gently rotated multiple times about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch in each nostril.

### Can Parents or Guardians accompany their children to the testing site?

If you believe your child would benefit from having you present, we recommend you contact your school administrators to make these accommodations.

### Who can see my child’s results?

Only a select few school administrators will have access to your child’s results. This is important in the event contact tracing protocols need to be initiated. You, as parents/guardians, will also see your child’s results (if under the age of 18). We at ConvenientMD see them, and if positive, we will report the result to the state DHHS.

All patient information and results are stored in a secure, HIPAA compliant database.

### How can I see my child’s results?

Once results are ready, you will be given access to the ConvenientMD LIS (Laboratory Information System) portal to access the results of your child’s COVID-19 test.

### What should symptomatic individuals know about ConvenientMD?

If a student, faculty or staff member has possible COVID-19 symptoms or comes in contact with a COVID-19 positive patient, they should immediately remove themselves from school and contact a medical professional for testing which may include; ConvenientMD Urgent Care, a pediatrician, or primary care physician for evaluation.

Please contact your school for questions specific to your school’s SASS program.