

STUDENT CONSENT FORM FOR OPTIONAL COVID-19 TESTING

Broward County Public Schools is offering a COVID-19 testing program for all students (Pre-K-adult). We will only test with your consent. If you are willing to provide consent for us to administer this test on your child or yourself (if student age 18 or older), please fill out this form.

What is the test?

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 or is part of a group that is designated for testing, if you consent, your child will receive a free test for the COVID-19 virus. Testing involves using a swab, similar to a Q-Tip, placed inside the tip of the nose. School health personnel who have been trained to use this test will collect the specimen and a trained COVID-19 test administrator will oversee the process. Test results will be made available to the parent/guardian who signs this form below. The results will be sent by text message and/or email and/or will be accessible through a web-based portal and/or website. This program is **entirely optional** for students, although we hope you choose to have the test to keep our schools as healthy and safe as possible.

What should I do when I receive my child's test results?

If your child or you (if student age 18 or older) tests positive for the virus, your child will be moved to a room away from other students and staff until you can pick him/her up. We ask that you keep your child home until the infection period has ended (typically, after symptoms improve and at least 10 days from the date symptoms first appear) and your child is no longer contagious. In a small number of cases, tests sometimes produce incorrect results – showing negative results (called “false negatives”) in people who have COVID-19 or showing positive results (called “false positives”) in people who do not have COVID-19. If your child tests negative but has symptoms of COVID-19, your child should not return to school until ten days after the onset of symptoms and the symptoms are improving.

Known Symptoms:

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. The following are symptoms of COVID-19:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

This list does not include all possible symptoms.

Disclaimer:

While we realize precautions will be taken, please understand that neither the test administrator nor Broward County Public Schools, nor any of its trustees, officers, employees, or organization sponsors are liable for any accident or injuries that may occur to your child or yourself (if student age 18 or older), as a result of agreeing to the test.

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT, GUARDIAN OR ADULT STUDENT				
Parent/Guardian Information				
<i>You will be notified with test results either via cell phone or email, or both.</i>				
Parent/Guardian Print Name:				
Parent/Guardian Cell/Mobile#: <small>Note: results will be texted to this cell#</small>				
Parent/Guardian Email Address:				
Child/Student Information				
Child/Student Print Name:				
School ID #:				
Healthcare Provider/ Phone Number:				
Street Address:	City:		State:	
Zip Code:	County:			
School:		Grade Level:		
Date of Birth: <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small>		Age:		
Race/Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Native American/Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Unknown	
CONSENT				
<p>By signing below, I attest that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. I consent, and authorize the school system to conduct collection and testing of my child or me (if student age 18 or older) for COVID-19 by nasal swab. B. I acknowledge that a positive test result is an indication that my child or me (if student age 18 or older), must self-isolate in an effort to avoid infecting others. C. I understand the school system is not acting as my child’s medical provider, this testing does not replace treatment by my child’s medical provider, and I assume complete and full responsibility to take appropriate action with regards to my child’s test results. I agree I will seek medical advice, care and treatment from my child’s medical provider if I have questions or concerns, or if their condition worsens. D. I understand that, as with any medical test, there is the potential for a false positive or false negative COVID-19 test result. E. I understand that this test may occur multiple times throughout the 2021-2022 school year, and authorize testing of my child or myself (if student age 18 or older) throughout the 2021-2022 school year. I understand that this authorization may be rescinded by providing signed written notice of rescission to the school system. <p>I, the undersigned, have been informed about the test purpose, procedures, possible benefits and risks, and I have received a copy of this Informed Consent. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions before I sign, and I have been told that I can ask additional questions at any time. I voluntarily consent, and agree to this testing for COVID-19.</p>				
Signature of Parent/Guardian:			Date:	
Signature of Student: <small>(if age 18 or over or otherwise authorized to consent)</small>			Date:	