



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

SCHOOL-BASED COVID-19 TESTING CONSENT FORM FOR STAFF

Contact Information

LAST NAME:

FIRST NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

WORK EMAIL ADDRESS:

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER:

HOME ADDRESS:

APT:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP:

GENDER:

ETHNICITY:

RACE:

EMPLOYEE ID #:

SCHOOL NAME:

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME:

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE:

By signing below, I attest that:

- I have signed this form freely and voluntarily.
- I consent to be tested for COVID-19 at my school/workplace.
- I understand that testing is free of charge to me and that I will not be billed for any test that I receive.
- I understand that, by consenting, I am eligible to be tested as part of a routine, asymptomatic testing program; because I am a close contact of someone that tests positive for COVID-19; or because I develop symptoms of COVID-19 while at work.
- My consent is valid for the 2021-22 school year unless I revoke my consent in writing.
- I have read and understand the information provided in the Overview of School-Based COVID-19 Testing Program handout, including the procedure used for testing, how test results are reported, and to whom test results may be reported.
- I understand that my test results, and other information may be disclosed to my employer and health authorities as permitted by law.
- I hereby release the District, its employees, and its agents from any liability which could result from the District's citywide COVID-19 testing program, except for criminal acts, intentional wrongdoing, gross negligence, or willful misconduct.

SIGNATURE

DATE

OVERVIEW OF SCHOOL-BASED COVID-19 TESTING PROGRAM

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends offering coronavirus (COVID-19) testing in schools. COVID-19 testing helps schools identify cases of COVID-19 quickly and reduce the risk of COVID-19 infections at school. **For the 2021-22 school year, your school is participating in a citywide COVID-19 school-based testing program available to DC public and public charter schools.** Per Mayor's Order 2021-099, DC Public Schools teachers and staff must provide proof of vaccination status by Sept. 19, 2021 or participate in weekly testing.

This program uses a saliva-based PCR test, which you can learn more about here: www.shieldt3.com/k12/. Test results will be shared securely with you, the appropriate school official(s), and DC Health.

DC public and public charter schools participating in the citywide COVID-19 school-based testing program are using this form to document consent to test you for COVID-19 and to share data with the relevant authorities. **All testing is free.**

The school-based testing program will provide both symptomatic and asymptomatic testing. Asymptomatic testing is testing for COVID-19 even if an individual does not have symptoms of COVID-19, including routine "screening" testing. In schools that require vaccination or weekly testing by staff, all unvaccinated staff are eligible for weekly asymptomatic testing. Asymptomatic testing also includes the testing of close contacts of a positive case of COVID-19. Symptomatic testing is done if an individual develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at school.

Who should test? Routine asymptomatic screening testing is currently recommended by DC Health for unvaccinated individuals in a school community. At this time, DC Health does not recommend that fully vaccinated individuals participate in routine asymptomatic testing. Testing of close contacts of a positive case of COVID-19 and those with symptoms of COVID-19 is currently recommended by DC Health for all individuals, regardless of whether they are vaccinated or unvaccinated.

How do I opt in? You must fill out and return this consent form to be tested. Your consent will be verified each time you are tested. This consent form is valid for **the 2021-22 school year**.

How do I opt out? You may revoke your consent at any time by sending a written letter or email to your school stating that you do not wish to receive COVID-19 testing.

What is the test? The test is a non-invasive PCR test. A saliva sample is collected in a small test tube. A sample of 1-1.5 milliliters of saliva is collected.

If you consent:

- Routine asymptomatic testing: If you are at a school that mandates vaccination or weekly COVID-19 testing for staff, you will be eligible for weekly asymptomatic testing at your school.
- Close contact testing: If you are identified as a close contact of an individual who has COVID-19 in the school setting, you would be eligible for COVID-19 testing after the exposure.
- Symptomatic testing: You will be eligible to complete a COVID-19 test if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 at school.

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How and when will I find out about the results of the test?

Saliva test results will be available through a patient portal that is directly available to participating staff. Results are typically available in 6-12 hours. Staff will also be contacted by the school if their test is positive. DC Health will follow up with staff as part of their routine procedures for positive COVID-19 tests. More information about the patient portal will be provided separately.

What should I do when I receive my test results?

If your test results are *negative*, it means that the virus was not detected in your specimen at this time. You should continue maintaining the masking, hygiene and social distancing practices recommended by DC Health. If you had a negative test result but are symptomatic or a close contact of an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, you should follow all guidance from DC Health and your school regarding when you can return to school and whether and when you might need a re-test. If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, you should call your healthcare provider, regardless of the test results.

If your test results are *positive*, it means that you *have* the virus and could spread it. Please contact your healthcare provider immediately. You should stay at home and follow the health and school guidelines from DC Health and from your school. If you are on-campus when the test result is received, you will be taken to an isolation area until you can depart from the school.

As with any laboratory test, there is a small risk of inconclusive, false positive or false negative results. In the event of any concern regarding your health, including the presence of symptoms of COVID-19, you are strongly encouraged to contact your healthcare provider.

Data and Reporting

Data from this form and the results of tests will be collected as part of the COVID-19 reporting requirements and may be shared with relevant school and health authorities. Your identity will not be released to others from the school community if you test positive for COVID-19.