

STUDENT CONSENT FORM FOR OPTIONAL COVID-19 TESTING

Weslaco Independent School District takes the health and safety of our students and their families very seriously. As such, in addition to steps to screen for the virus and prevent its spread on a campus, we are adding a voluntary K-12 COVID-19 testing program for on campus students. This program uses Abbott Laboratories BinaxNOW tests provided by the federal government. 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 is asymptomatic, if you consent, your child will receive a free BinaxNOW rapid test for the COVID-19 virus. Collecting a specimen for testing involves using a swab, similar to a Q-Tip, placed inside the tip of the nose. A Testing Administrator who has been trained to use this test will collect the specimen and 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 email within 24 hours of the test. This program is **entirely optional** for students who are asymptomatic, although we hope you choose to have the test to keep our schools as healthy & safe as possible. The tests are being offered in addition to existing safety protocols such as mask-wearing, social distancing, and frequent disinfection of surfaces.

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

If your child's test results are positive, please contact your child's doctor immediately to review the test results and discuss what you should do next. You should keep your child at home and inform your child's school. If your child's test results are negative, this means that the virus was not detected in your child's specimen. Tests sometimes produce incorrect negative results (called "false negatives") in people who have COVID-19. If your child tests negative but has symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have concerns about your child's exposure to COVID-19, you should call your child's doctor

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**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 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 for the safety of students, please understand that neither the test administrator nor the Weslaco Independent School District 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

You will be notified with test results either via cell phone or email, or both.

Parent/Guardian Print Name:	
Parent/Guardian Cell/Mobile #: <i>Note: results will be texted to this cell #</i>	
Parent/Guardian Email Address:	

Child/Student Information

Child/Student Print Name:					
School ID #:					
Driver's License #: <i>(if applicable)</i>					
Street Address:		City:		State:	
Zip Code:		County:			
School:		Grade Level:			
Date of Birth: <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i>		Age:			
Race/Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American/Indigenous	Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> Other/Unknown

CONSENT

By signing below, I attest that:

- A. I 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 and also continue wearing a mask or face covering as directed 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.

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 agree to this testing for COVID-19.

Signature of Parent/ Guardian:		Date:	
Parent Guardian Email:			
Signature of Student: <i>(if age 18 or over or otherwise authorized to consent)</i>		Date:	