



THE SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM OF PALM BEACH COUNTY CONSENT TO COVID-19 TESTING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF COVID-19 RECORDS

The School Health Program, which is comprised of the Palm Beach County School District (“School District”), the Health Care District of Palm Beach County (“Health Care District”) and the Florida Department of Health Palm Beach County (“Department of Health”) is offering to conduct voluntary COVID-19 testing for students who present to a School District clinic with symptoms of COVID-19¹, to protect the health, safety and welfare of students and staff of the School District. This voluntary testing is being conducted, to the extent these tests continue to be made available, at no cost to you.

COVID-19 Testing Information: The COVID-19 test that would be administered to your child is a rapid-antigen test, which has been approved by the FDA under an emergency use authorization and involves the swabbing of your child’s nasal passage to obtain a sample for testing. There are risks and benefits with undergoing such a diagnostic test for COVID-19 and there may be a potential for false positive or false negative test results. Additionally, the actual test may cause slight discomfort to your child’s nose or throat during the collection process and for a short period of time thereafter. You will be provided with the results of your child’s test and it will be your responsibility to seek advice and treatment from your medical provider if necessary. You may also contact the school nurse for additional information.

CONSENT TO TEST: By your signature below, you certify that you have read and understood this COVID-19 Testing Consent. More specifically, by signing below you:

- Give your permission for your child to be tested for COVID-19;
- Release the School Health Program from all liability which arises from or is a result of the testing;
- Understand that it is your responsibility to seek advice and treatment from your medical provider, if necessary;
- Understand that this testing may occur at multiple points throughout the 2021-2022 school year; and
- Understand that a positive test result will result in your child wearing a facial mask to protect the health, safety, and welfare of others until the child goes home. If your child is exempt from wearing a facial mask, to the greatest extent possible, your child will be socially distanced from others until the child goes home.

STUDENT PRIVACY: The School Health Program complies with all applicable federal and state privacy laws. All COVID-19 screening and testing records are confidential education records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”). Generally, under FERPA, your child’s education records may only be disclosed with your consent unless there is an applicable exception. While there are exceptions applicable to COVID-19 screening and testing records requiring the records to be provided to the Department of Health and allowing the records to be provided to the School District, by signing below, you are authorizing the School Health Program to release your child’s COVID test and screening records to the Department of Health and the School District.

Please be advised that as the parent or guardian, you will be contacted by a nurse or administrator/designee prior to any testing, even with this consent on file. For children in grades Pre-K through 2, a parent or guardian must be present at the time of testing. For children in grades 3 through 12, verbal authorization to proceed with testing will be accepted, with this consent on file, with the parent or guardian having the option of being present for testing.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Mobile Telephone: _____ Other Telephone: _____ (home/work)

Student Signature (If over 18): _____ Date: _____

Student Name (Print): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

¹ COVID-19 symptoms may include fever or chills, dry cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of sense of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea, per the CDC Guidelines