

STUDENT/STAFF CONSENT FORM FOR OPTIONAL COVID-19 TESTING

The Galveston Independent School District takes the health and safety of our staff, 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 COVID-19 testing program for students and staff. 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 or staff), please fill out this form.

What is the test?

If your child is symptomatic or part of a group that is designated for testing, 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 Teen Health Center, Inc. physician assistant who has been trained to use this test will collect the specimen and conduct the test. Test results will be made available to the parent/guardian or student who signs this form below. The results will also be sent by text message and email within 24 hours of the test. 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. 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 or you (if student age 18 or older or staff) 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 don't 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, the Teen Health Center, Inc., or your local health department.

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
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Headache

This list does not include all possible symptoms.

Disclaimer: While precautions will be taken for the safety of staff and students, please understand that neither the test administrator, the Teen Health Center, Inc., the Galveston Independent School District, nor any of their 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			
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 #: <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 <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			
By signing below, I attest that:			
<p>A. I authorize the Teen Health Center, Inc. and the Galveston Independent School District to conduct collection and testing of my child or me (if student age 18 or older or staff) for COVID-19 by nasal swab.</p> <p>B. I acknowledge that a positive test result is an indication that my child or I (if student age 18 or older or staff), must self-isolate and also continue wearing a mask or face covering as directed in an effort to avoid infecting others.</p> <p>C. I understand that 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.</p> <p>D. I understand that, as with any medical test, there is the potential for a false positive or false negative COVID-19 test result.</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 agree to this testing for COVID-19.			
Signature of Parent/ Guardian:			Date:
Signature of Student: <i>(if age 18 or over or otherwise authorized to consent)</i>			Date: