

**TISD Parent Consent for Optional Student COVID 19 Testing**  
**General Information**

The Terrell ISD 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 campus, we are adding a voluntary COVID-19 testing program for students. Testing will only be administered with parental or guardian consent. If you consent to the District to test your child, please complete the attached form.

**What is the test?**

With parental or guardian consent, your child will be part of a group that is designated for testing and receive a free 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 school staff member who has been trained to use this test will guide them in the collection of the specimen. Test results will be made available to the parent/guardian who signs the parent permission form. The test results will be sent either by text message or email within 24 hours of the test administration.

While this program is entirely optional for students, the District encourages full participation to maximize the safest and healthiest environment for our schools. These tests will be offered in addition to existing safety protocols such as voluntary mask-wearing, social distancing, and frequent disinfection of surfaces.

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

If your child tests positive for the virus, we will require that you keep your child home until the infection period has ended and your child is no longer contagious (10 days from the date symptoms first appear or the test date, after symptoms improve, 24 hours with no fever). If your child's test results are negative, they may continue to attend school without interruption. If you have concerns about your child's exposure to COVID-19, you should call your child's doctor, a licensed medical authority, or your local health department.

**Known Symptoms:**

If your child tests negative but displays symptoms of COVID-19, your child will be required to stay away from campus, unless there is an alternative diagnosis for the symptoms such as allergies or a cold. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Following are symptoms of the COVID-19 virus:

- 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.

**Parent Consent**

If you consent for the District to test your child for the COVID 19 virus, please complete this form.

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