



**SHIELD
ILLINOIS**

PROTECT YOUR SCHOOLS TODAY

SHIELD Illinois is a COVID-19 screening testing program and infrastructure that uses the University of Illinois' innovative saliva test to help your K-12 schools operate safely.



FREE/LOW COST

The SHIELD Illinois test is free to 75% of Illinois K-12 schools, and \$10/test for remaining schools through an agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health.



FAST RESULTS

School districts and IDPH will receive test results within 24 hours of samples reaching our lab.



IDENTIFY INFECTION

SHIELD Illinois' test detects 3 genes of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, allowing it to identify pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic cases, as well as new virus variants.



EASE OF USE

The saliva-based test is non-invasive and does not need medically trained personnel to collect samples.



HIGH ACCURACY

In a recent clinical trial, SHIELD Illinois' test had a sensitivity of 96.8% and a specificity of 98.9%.



LAB NETWORK

SHIELD Illinois has launched a network of high-capacity labs across the state to process test samples and provide fast, accurate results.



FDA AUTHORIZED

SHIELD Illinois is a PCR screening test that has FDA emergency use authorization, meaning individuals who test positive don't need to seek a second test result.

RESPONSIBILITIES

TESTING SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide a designated space for saliva sample collection
- Manage communications around testing requirements, collection process, and results reporting
- Provide a detailed roster compatible with SHIELD Illinois' information management system
- Ensure that all individuals have completed applicable consents or releases

SHIELD ILLINOIS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage and oversee the SHIELD Illinois network of labs and collection sites to process tests for sponsored group members
- Support a secure information management system for tracking and reporting of results to schools and IDPH
- Provide schools with secure access to their test results through a personalized digital portal
- Provide a collections agency to collect and transport samples to a SHIELD Illinois lab

To partner with SHIELD Illinois, please email Beth Heller at bheller@uillinois.edu