

The Smithton R6 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 symptomatic staff/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 the **BACK SIDE** of this form.

**What is the test?**

If your child is symptomatic and with your consent, your child will receive a free BinaxNOW rapid antigen 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 no more than half an inch. A trained school staff member from the health office will then slowly twist the swab, rubbing it along the insides of the left nostril for 15 seconds, then using the same swab repeating to the right nostril. Test results will be made available to the parent/guardian who signs this form below. The results will be sent by email within 24 hours of the test. A positive or negative result of this test will be immediately reported to the Local Public Health Agency ("LPHA") so that it can begin contact tracing and instituting appropriate disease control measures. The LPHA solely manages these efforts. Additionally, all test results will be shared with the Department of Health and Senior Services pursuant to state regulation. This program is **entirely optional** for students, 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 or you (if student age 18 or older) 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. If your child's test results are negative, the virus was not found in the specimen tested and your child may continue to attend school without interruption. 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, a licensed medical authority, 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
- 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 Smithton R6 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/Staff  
Information**

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

**Parent/Guardian  
Print Name:**

**Parent/Guardian  
Cell/Mobile #:**

*Note: results will be texted to this  
cell #*

**Parent/Guardian  
Email Address:**

**Child/Student/Staff Information**

**Child/Student Print Name:**

**Date of Birth:**  
(MM/DD/YYYY)

**County:**

**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.
- E. I acknowledge that a positive or negative result of this test will be immediately reported to the Local Public Health Agency ("LPHA") .
- F. I understand except as required by law, test results and testing information will be kept confidential by the school district, LPHA, and Department of Health and Senior Services.

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/Staff:**

**Date:**

**Signature of Student:**  
(if age 18 or over or  
otherwise authorized to  
consent)

**Date:**