

CONSENT FOR COVID-19 TESTING OF MINOR CHILD

We at Serena CUSD #2 want to offer your minor child free COVID-19 testing to help keep our community safe.

The COVID-19 worldwide pandemic is still a national emergency. To help protect people in our local community, Serena CUSD #2 will follow recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other state and local public health authorities for COVID-19 testing.

Knowing if your minor child has COVID-19 can help you make decisions to protect your child, yourself, and other people in your family or community.

We hope that you will agree to allow your minor child to take a COVID-19 test. This test is free for you. The test does not include any medical processes that should pose a major risk for your child.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **How is the sample collected?**

Saliva Spit Sample: We will ask your child to provide a sample of their saliva (or “spit”). We will give your child a sample kit. Your child will be asked to take a small drink of water, then told not to eat, drink, or chew anything for at least 30 minutes before we ask your child to collect the sample. When your child is ready, we will ask them to allow saliva to collect in their mouth, then fill the sample container to the level shown. We will tell them to screw the cap on tightly. The saliva sample can be quickly and safely collected within a minute and does not present any physical risk to your child.

- **Testing the swab or saliva sample for SARS-CoV-2.** We will take your child’s swab or saliva sample and send it to a qualified lab that will test it for SARS-CoV-2. The lab will use a test called a “molecular amplification assay” to see if the swab contains evidence of SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes COVID-19.
- **What constitutes evidence of virus?** If a person is infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus makes copies of itself in the body. These are markers of the virus. The lab test quickly identifies the presence of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.
- **How will I be told about my child’s testing results?** The testing results will usually be ready within 2-3 business days from the time the test was taken. If you signed up for the Guardian/Participant portal, you will be able to view your child’s test results in the portal. Otherwise, the Health Provider who ordered the test will tell you if your child’s test result is positive for presence of the virus. The Health Provider will not contact you if your child’s test result is negative.
- **What are the possible risks and benefits of the test?** As with any test, sometimes there may be a false positive or false negative result. Your child’s test result itself is not a clinical diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection. A formal diagnosis of can only be made by your healthcare provider after they look at all clinical and lab findings. This testing is for you to be aware and to help protect your child, you, your family, and community.
- **Will the test result be kept confidential?** Test results will be kept as private as possible but will be known to the Midwest Coordination Center, the qualified lab, Serena CUSD #2 testing coordinator and

the Federal and state public health agencies and/or local Department(s) of Public Health may require that the Midwest Coordination Center or the qualified lab report any positive test results. If your child's test is positive, your child could be identified through this required reporting.

- **What will be done with my child's nasal saliva sample?** After all testing is done and your results have been given to you, your saliva sample will be retained for 2 to 7 days, depending on the laboratory.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- For more information, please visit [testedandprotected.org](https://www.testedandprotected.org) or review the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#). If you have questions about the testing or this consent form, please contact Lisa Gifford, Superintendent at Serena CUSD #2.

CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I have read and understood the information in this Consent form about COVID-19 testing. I have had the chance to ask questions and have been given the answers I needed.

I have been provided a copy of the Midwest Coordination Center HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices.

I authorize Serena CUSD #2 to:

- show or help my minor child to collect their saliva sample,
- have my child's saliva sample tested through an approved SARS-CoV-2 test process, and
- communicate about the test results with the approved testing lab, Midwest Coordination Center, or any required federal, state, or local agencies that have the legal authority to obtain testing results that may identify my child.

Student Name:

Parent/Guardian/Signature:

Parent/Guardian Printed Name:

Date:

Witness: