

## STUDENT CONSENT FORM FOR OPTIONAL COVID-19 TESTING

New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School 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 students. This program uses Abbott Laboratories BinaxNOW tests. 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 age 18 or older), please fill out this form.

### **What is the test?**

If your child presents COVID-19 symptoms, 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 school staff member who is a healthcare professional and has been trained to use this test will collect the specimen and a trained COVID-19 test administrator will oversee the process. Test results will be made available to the parent/guardian who signs this form below. The results will be shared on the same day 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 & 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 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 return to school after being symptom-free for 24 hours. 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.

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.

### **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.

### **Safety + Security:**

We follow strict safety and security guidelines during our testing. We require all those who get tested to wear a mask over their nose and mouth. Our staff will be dressed in full personal-protective equipment (PPE) with masks, gloves, and gowns.

**Notification of Disclosure of Information Protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act:**

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 C.F.R. part 99), the written consent of a parent or eligible student is required before the education records of a student, or personally identifiable information contained therein, may be disclosed to a third party, unless an exception to this general requirement of written consent applies. If a student is age 18 years or older, or is enrolled in an institution of postsecondary education, he or she is an “eligible student” and must provide written consent for the disclosure of his or her education records or personally identifiable information contained therein.

By signing this consent form, you are allowing some information to be shared with and among the school in which you are enrolled, the Louisiana Department of Health, and Louisiana State University doing business as LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans. This information will be shared only for public health and data analysis purposes, which may include notifying your close contacts if you have been exposed to COVID-19, and taking other steps to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in your school community. Information that may be shared with these agencies and service providers conducting COVID-19 testing includes your COVID-19 test results, date of birth/age, gender, race/ethnicity, school name(s), contact information, and classroom/cohort/pod. Sharing of information will **only** be done so in accordance with applicable law and policies protecting the privacy and the security of your data.

You may withdraw your consent to share this information at any time. A request to withdraw your consent should be submitted in writing and signed.

**Disclaimer:**

While we realize precautions will be taken for the safety of students, please understand that neither the test administrator nor the New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School, 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 age 18 or older), as a result of agreeing to the test.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT, GUARDIAN OR ADULT STUDENT**

**Parent/Guardian Information**

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

<b>Parent/Guardian Print Name:</b>			
<b>Parent/Guardian Cell/Mobile #:</b> <i>Note: results will be texted to this cell #</i>			
<b>Parent/Guardian Email Address:</b>			
<b>Child/Student Information</b>			
<b>Child/Student Print Name:</b>			
<b>School ID #:</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>			
<b>Driver's License #:</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>			
<b>Street Address:</b>	<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	
<b>Zip Code:</b>	<b>County:</b>		
<b>School:</b>		<b>Grade Level:</b>	
<b>Date of Birth:</b> <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i>		<b>Age:</b>	

<b>Race/Ethnicity:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American/Indigenous	<b>Gender:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> Other/Unknown	

**CONSENT**

By signing below, I attest that:

- A. I authorize the school system to conduct collection and testing of my child or me (if 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 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.

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.

<b>Signature of Parent/ Guardian:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Signature of Student:</b> <i>(if age 18 or over or otherwise authorized to consent)</i>		<b>Date:</b>	