

STUDENT CONSENT FORM FOR OPTIONAL COVID-19 TESTING

The School City of Hobart 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 in-person students and staff. This program uses Abbott Laboratories BinaxNOW tests provided by the Indiana State Department of Health. 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 this form. Parents of 6th grade students and younger must be present during testing.

What is the test?

If you or your child is symptomatic or part of a group that is designated for testing, if you consent, you/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 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 or yourself (if student is age 18 or older) who signs this form below. The results will be provided within 15 minutes of the test. This program is **entirely optional** for students and staff, 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/physical 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/you will be moved to a room away from other students and staff, until you can pick him/her up or you can arrange for transportation. We ask that you keep your child home or you stay at home (if student is age 18 or older) until the infection period has ended (typically, after symptoms improve and at least 10 days from the date symptoms first appear) and you/your child is no longer contagious. If your/your child's test results are negative, and you/your child is symptomatic, you will be directed to obtain a confirmatory PCR test. 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 you/your child tests negative but has symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have concerns about you/your child's exposure to COVID-19, you should call your/your child's doctor, or a licensed medical authority.

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

Disclaimer:

While we realize precautions will be taken for the safety of students, please understand that neither the test administrator nor the School City of Hobart, 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 Information

Parent/Guardian Print Name:	
Parent/Guardian Cell/Mobile #:	
Parent/Guardian Email Address:	

Child/Student Information

Child/Student Print Name:			
School:		Grade Level:	
Date of Birth: <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i>		Age:	
Physician or Healthcare Provider		Phone Number	

CONSENT

By signing below, I confirm 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.
- A. I authorize the school system to share results of the testing with my/ my child’s medical provider, local and state health authorities, SCOH Health Services, the designated campus/department COVID-19 designee/alternate, and the campus principal.
- 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 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/my child’s medical provider, this testing does not replace treatment by my/ 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/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 agree to the testing protocol and statements above and voluntarily consent to this testing for COVID-19 for my child/myself.

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