

### **BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Action Requested – Opt-in to COVID-19 Testing for your Child

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Greetings! Welcome to the 2021- 2022 school year.

Our school has chosen to participate in Operation Expanded Testing, a program supported and funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide COVID-19 PCR testing to K-12 schools at no cost to the school. Participation in this program helps schools stay safer against the risk of COVID-19.

This program will help keep students healthy and well, as they participate in in-person learning and prevent the spread of COVID-19 via randomized weekly testing for 30% of the students and staff, at our school. Rest assured that, a team of highly skilled trainers will guide our school nurses and staff on how to assist with test collection.

We strongly encourage you to opt into the program, to keep your child well. Please visit the following site: Link to register child for testing or <a href="https://www.assure-eurofins-pooledtesting.com/app/#/registration/Z5TYYC/C3PYO2/institution">https://www.assure-eurofins-pooledtesting.com/app/#/registration/Z5TYYC/C3PYO2/institution</a>

- The online registration process takes less than 5 minutes
- For a short video guide on "how to" complete the registration/consent, activate your child's online account to view results: View Video Here

If you would like a paper copy of the parental consent form, please contact your school or visit: www.buffaloschools.org

Best Regards, Mrs. Claudio-Cotto, Building Principal







## **DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CONSENT FOR TESTING ONLINE:**

Step 1) Click on <u>Link to register</u> <u>child for testing</u> OR "Find Your School" button on the website



Step 2) Find Your State from the drop-down and click "Continue" to the top right



Step 3) Find your Institution from the drop-down



Step 4) Click on "Select Institution" button







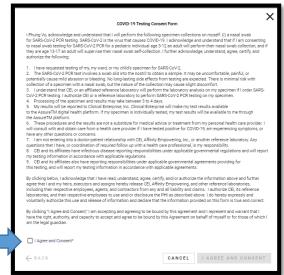
Step 5) Select "Student" radio button then proceed to continue with the form to complete the demographic information and click "Register" on the top right

\*Important note: Guardian information is required for students 17 or younger\*





Step 6) The electronic consent form will pop up on the screen. Please review in full and check the box next to "I Agree and Consent" then click on "I Agree and Consent" Button.









## **COVID-19 TESTING FAQ's**

### Who will do the testing?

Building Principals will lead nurses and school staff to manage the testing process. If students are between the ages of 13-17, they may swab themselves with adult supervision, and nurses will perform the swab collection for younger children aged 5-12.

#### What type of test is being used?

Collections are done with what is called a lower anterior nasal swab, which is a collection swab about the size of a Q-tip that is placed just into the lower part of the nose and swirled around 3 times to collect the sample. This approach is much more comfortable and <u>is not</u> the collection method where the swab is placed deep into the nose.

#### How to do I see my child's results?

The methods being used dramatically increases the ability to tests large numbers of people in shorter time frames. If your child is part of a pool that does not detect COVID-19, then you will not get an individual result (but the school will be notified that the pool sample was negative).

You can set up your account preferences to send you a text message or an email when a new result is available if you want, otherwise, we recommend logging into the system periodically to check results. Your school will also be monitoring results for all students so they can help make appropriate choices based on the results of testing.

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### Who has access to my child's information?

The consent form indicates that test results can be shared with the school and appropriate school district staff and federal oversight committees responsible for tracking and reporting COVID-19 cases. This includes Affinity Empowering and the lab, Eurofins, as well as any other laboratories used to process samples.



