

## COVID-19 TESTING



# 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 <https://www.assure-eurofins-pooledtesting.com/app/#/registration/Z5TYYC/C3PYO2/institution>

- 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](http://www.buffaloschools.org)

Best Regards,

Dr. Kresse, Principal



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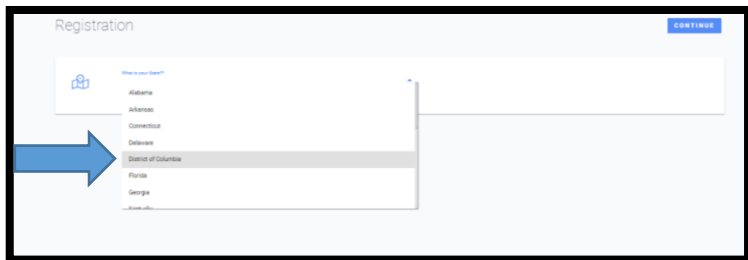


## **DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE CONSENT FOR TESTING ONLINE:**

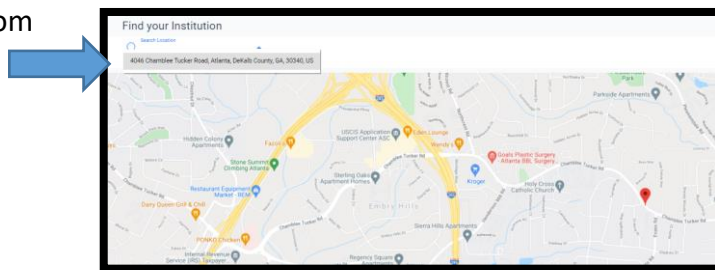
Step 1) Click on [Link to register child for testing](#) OR “Find Your School” button on the website



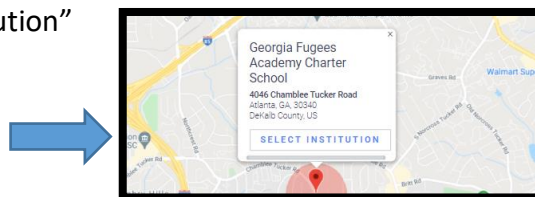
Step 2) Find Your State from the drop-down and click “Continue” to the top right



Step 3) Find your Institution from the drop-down



Step 4) Click on “Select Institution” button



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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\*

Member Registration

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What is your role?

Staff  Student  Teacher

STUDENT ADDRESS

First Address Search Google Maps  Use this address

Address 1\* Address 2\* City\*

State\* Zip Code\* Country\* United States

GUARDIAN

Guardian First Name\* Guardian Last Name\*

Relationship\*

Guardian has different address than the Student

GUARDIAN CONTACT DETAILS

If you are a guardian of more than one Student you will need to use a unique email for each Student in order to access and review each Student results.

Guardian's Email\*

Guardian's Phone Number\*

ADD PHONE

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 Consent Form

I Phung Vo, acknowledge and understand that I will perform the following specimen collections on myself: (i) a nasal swab for SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing. SARS-CoV-2 is the virus that causes COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that if I am consenting to nasal swab testing for SARS-CoV-2 PCR for a pediatric individual age 3-12 an adult will perform their nasal swab collection, and if they are age 13-17 an adult will supervise their nasal swab self-collection. I further acknowledge, understand, agree, certify, and authorize the following:

- I have requested testing of my, my ward, or my child's specimen for SARS-CoV-2.
- The SARS-CoV-2 PCR test involves a swab stick into the nostril to obtain a sample. It may be uncomfortable, painful, or potentially cause mild abrasion or bleeding. No long-lasting side effects from testing are expected. There is minimal risk with collection of a specimen with a nasal swab, but the nature of the collection may cause slight discomfort.
- I understand that CEI, or an affiliated reference laboratory will perform the laboratory analysis on my specimen if I order SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing. I authorize CEI or a reference laboratory to perform SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing on my specimen.
- Processing of the specimen and results may take between 3 to 4 days.
- My results will be reported to Clinical Enterprise, Inc. Clinical Enterprise will make my test results available to the AssureTM digital health platform. If my specimen is individually tested, my test results will be available to me through the AssureTM platform.
- These procedures and the results are not a substitute for medical advice or treatment from my personal health care provider. I will consult with and obtain care from a health care provider if I have tested positive for COVID-19, am experiencing symptoms, or have any other questions or concerns.
- I am not entering into a doctor-patient relationship with CEI, Affinity Empowering, Inc., or another reference laboratory. Any questions that I have, or coordination of required follow up with a health care professional, is my responsibility.
- CEI and its affiliates have infectious disease reporting responsibilities under applicable governmental regulations and will report my testing information in accordance with applicable regulations.
- CEI and its affiliates also have reporting responsibilities under applicable governmental agreements providing for this testing, and will report my testing information in accordance with applicable agreements.

By clicking below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, agree, certify, and/or authorize the information above and further agree that I and my heirs, executors and assigns hereby release CEI, Affinity Empowering, and other reference laboratories, including their respective employees, agents, and contractors from any and all liability and claims. I authorize CEI, its reference laboratories, and their respective employees to use and/or disclose the PHI as described above. I do hereby expressly and voluntarily authorize this use and release of information and declare that the information provided on this form is true and correct.

By clicking "I Agree and Consent," I am accepting and agreeing to be bound by this agreement and I represent and warrant that I have the right, authority, and capacity to accept and agree to be bound by this Agreement on behalf of myself or for those of which I am the legal guardian.

I Agree and Consent\*

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# 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 **is not** 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.