Auburn-Washburn School District Student COVID-19 Testing Information and Consent Form

A COVID-19 testing strategy supports safe, in-person learning and activities while providing another layer of protection for students, teachers, and staff. Testing is part of a comprehensive strategy to quickly identify infection and prevent it from spreading in the school. Shawnee County schools are not required to conduct COVID-19 testing, but Auburn-Washburn is offering it as a free service for our school community.

Opt-In: A student will only be tested for COVID-19 in Auburn-Washburn with documentation of consent from the student's parent or legal guardian.

Opt-In Test to Learn/Test to Play

Auburn-Washburn is offering a modified in-school quarantine option made available in Shawnee County. It is called Test to Learn/Test to Play because it provides a way for students to safely continue to attend school and participate in activities while in quarantine, thereby supporting academic success and social-emotional wellbeing. To participate, the student must meet eligibility criteria and parents must consent for the student to (for the duration of the quarantine) wear a mask when indoors and be tested daily with a <u>rapid antigen and/or PCR test</u>. The student will not be in close contact with other students or staff at school until a negative test result is known. This includes riding the bus, carpooling, and before school childcare. Those who do not consent to participate will complete quarantine at home.

Eligible students for Test to Learn/Test to Play must meet all of the following criteria:

- The student was a close contact to COVID-19.
 - Within 6-feet for 10+ minutes in a 24-hour period without masks.
- The student does not already qualify for a quarantine exemption.
 - Vaccine, (within past six months or boosted), Outdoors, In-school with masks appropriately worn
- The student does not have a household contact in isolation for COVID-19.
- The student has opted-in with informed consent. Those who do not opt-in must complete quarantine at home.
- Tested each school day and mask appropriately worn at school during modified quarantine period

Opt-In Symptomatic Diagnostic Testing

Schools in Auburn-Washburn will follow our normal processes for identifying and isolating students who are demonstrating symptoms of illness. If symptoms are consistent with COVID-19, a parent may request that the student will be tested at school via an antigen and/or PCR COVID-19 test.

- For students with COVID-19 symptoms if the antigen test is *positive*, the test can be interpreted as a true positive, which indicates the person is infected with COVID-19.
- For students with COVID-19 symptoms and the antigen test is *negative*, a false negative cannot be ruled out. The student must complete a PCR test for confirmation.

The purpose of this "Student COVID-19 Testing Consent Form" is for parents or legal guardians to consent to COVID-19 testing for their child at school.

<Click here for the online consent form or visit usd437.net>

| Child's Name: | DOB: |
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| School: | Grade: |
| Address: | |
| Parent/Guardian Name: | |
| Cell Phone: | OK to text? <u>Yes No</u> |

Please carefully read and sign the following informed consent for COVID-19 testing at school.

- 1) I understand the COVID-19 testing options available to my child and authorize Auburn-Washburn to conduct specimen collection and testing for COVID-19 for my child through a saliva sample or nasal or nasopharyngeal swab collection as ordered by an authorized medical provider or public health official.
 - a. For diagnostic testing: <u>Yes No</u>
 - b. For Test to Learn/Test to Play: Yes No
- 2) I understand and agree that in order to participate in Test to Learn/Test to Play modified quarantine my child must wear a mask when indoors at school and be tested daily with an antigen and/or PCR test for the duration of the modified quarantine.
 - a. Daily testing: Yes No
 - b. Mask: Yes No
- 3) If my child has a specimen collected for testing, the school will notify me of the test results via my contact information provided on this consent form using non-secure methods (email, etc.) and I understand the risks involved in such communication.
- 4) I authorize the test results to be disclosed to the school district Point of Contact in collaboration with the Shawnee County Health Department and Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- 5) I acknowledge that a positive test result is an indication that my child must self-isolate to avoid infecting others for a minimum of 5 days. I also agree to assist the school with identification of any close contacts which occurred within the 48 hours prior to test sample collection.
- 6) I understand that Auburn-Washburn is not acting as my child's medical provider, this testing does not replace treatment by my child's medical provider, and I will seek medical advice, care and treatment from my child's medical provider if I have questions or concerns.
- 7) I understand that, as with any medical test, there is the potential for a false positive or false negative COVID-19 test result and that Auburn-Washburn will collaborate with the Shawnee County Health Officer for testing guidance and recommendations as needed.
- 8) I, the undersigned, have been informed about the test(s) purpose, and voluntarily agree to allow my child to be tested for COVID-19.

AUTHORIZATION/CONSENT TO TEST FOR COVID-19

I authorize my child to participate in COVID-19 testing at school as noted above in item #1 for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year:

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