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**Subject:** Pooled Testing Info/Consents

Dear Parker Parents,

As students return to in person learning, we will be doing weekly SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) Pooled testing of all students and staff. Pooled testing is an additional mitigation strategy beyond staying home when sick, wearing masks, hand hygiene, physical distancing, and reducing interactions between groups. We will also be able to do symptomatic testing for students or staff who have COVID-19 symptoms that appear during the school day.

- **The COVID-19 test is quick, easy and does not hurt. It is a gentle nasal swab to the lower inner nostril that students will administer themselves under supervision.**
- **The testing is free! You do not need to pay for the test or have insurance to get the test.**

### **Why should I be part of the COVID-19 testing at Parker?**

Being tested weekly can give staff, students, and parents some reassurance that active COVID-19 isn't running rampant in the school. This is an act of selflessness to help our school community feel safe about coming to school. The weekly COVID-19 testing program is just another way we are striving to keep our school environment safe for everyone.

### **How do I sign my student up for testing?**

To participate in the testing program, you need to sign two consent forms. One consent is for the symptomatic testing (BinaxNOW) and the other is for the Pooled testing. Both links are attached to this email.

To include your STUDENT in the testing program, your STUDENT must have a profile created in Project Beacon. **To sign your STUDENT up for both programs, you will need to create two PROFILES (not two ACCOUNTS) in order to sign the separate consent forms. This can be done from any cell phone as well!**

**Here are instructions to get your STUDENT set up on the Project Beacon platform (this should only take 5-10 minutes to complete). Please complete both links!**

When you click each link below, you will be prompted to create a Project Beacon account or log in if you already have one. This link automatically adds you to the appropriate Testing Program. **Remember, each link is for a different program and you will have to create two profiles for you to consent to both of the programs**

**(Pooled testing and Symptomatic testing). The two profiles look exactly the same and asks all the same questions. You still have to do it twice!**

If you are creating a new account, enter your email and/or phone number and then follow instructions to verify (you may have to verify either by a text or email that is sent to you). See below for step-by-step instructions.

**Our school's link and "Organization Code" for the STUDENT Pooled Testing Program is <https://app.beacontesting.com/register/with-code?code=NBLUAN>**

**Our school's link and "Organization Code" for the STUDENT Symptomatic Antigen Testing Program is <https://app.beacontesting.com/register/with-code?code=HHCAPD>**

### **Step-by-step instructions:**

Click on the **YELLOW** link above for the Pooled testing consent.

Click on "Create New Account"

Register for Project Beacon appears. Enter email and/or cell phone number and click "Create." You should see "Registration Successful"

Check your email/cell phone to verify/activate your account

Once you activate your account, enter your email and/or cell number and click "next"

Set a password and confirm your password. Click "next"

"Add Personal Information" will appear. Click on "SECONDARY PROFILE" because you are creating this for your STUDENT

Add information. Click "Save and continue"

Consent page will appear. Scroll to the bottom and click "I agree to the above terms" to consent. Click "Continue"

Do not "Schedule a test"

Close browser

Click on **GREEN** link above.

Click on "I have a Project Beacon Account" and then sign in.

The process is identical to the above instructions where you add your STUDENT's personal information but needs to be done for the Symptomatic testing consent.

Click "Add additional profile" and click "Save"

If it tells you that you already have a profile and asks if you want to continue, click YES!

Consent page will appear. Click "I agree to the above terms" to consent.

Do not "Schedule a test"

Close browser or sign out by clicking the three lines in the upper right-hand corner and then click "sign out"

### **How the Pooled testing works**

- Participating individuals are tested individually once a week with a nasal swab test. **Each person does a shallow swab of their own nose by rotating three (3) times inside each nostril. A maximum of 10 swabs are mixed together into a group called a**

**"pool" and sent out to a lab for a molecular PCR test and tested for COVID-19 at one time.**

- If the pool test comes back negative, all staff/students in the pool are COVID-negative. In this case, you will not hear from us.
- If the pool test comes back positive, it means that at least one person in the pool is COVID-positive. In this case, all members of that pool will come back to school as soon as possible for an individual follow-up test with the school nurse.
- Individual follow-up tests using BinaxNOW antigen tests produce results in 15 mins. If the individual follow-up test comes back negative, the person may return to school as normal. If the individual follow-up test comes back positive, we will work with the person to quarantine and get connected to care. The local Board of Health will be contacted and will reach out to start the contact tracing process.
- Members of a positive pool will receive two follow-up tests - one with fast results that come back in 15 minutes and one confirmatory test that takes 24 hours to return results. If either test comes back positive, we will work with the person to quarantine and get connected to care.

For additional help, Project Beacon has created an [FAQ for Parents for K-12 Pooled Testing](#).

Please let me know if you have questions, problems, or concerns.

Warm regards,

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