



# East Brunswick Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is an ongoing public health problem facing the East Brunswick community. In an effort to more thoroughly track the spread of COVID-19 in our community, the Middlesex County Department of Public Safety and Health has provided the East Brunswick School District (the “School District”) with COVID-19 saliva test kits. The COVID-19 saliva test kits will be utilized to conduct voluntary random testing of our students, faculty and staff who attend school in-person at no cost to them.

Parents/guardians may voluntarily permit their Hybrid child(ren) to participate in the random testing program. If you decline to participate in the random testing program, your child(ren) will still be permitted to attend school in person. Participation in the COVID-19 random testing program is not a requirement for in-person attendance.

The COVID-19 saliva test is conducted by spitting into a tube that is sent for laboratory testing. The test would be administered and supervised by licensed nursing staff. The COVID-19 saliva test is a point-in-time test to determine if you currently have the virus that causes COVID-19. It is not an antibody test, which can be used to determine if you may have had COVID-19 in the past. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”) approved this COVID-19 saliva test and the New Jersey Department of Health supports its use. No COVID-19 test, however, is completely accurate.

The School District administration will maintain a confidential list of all students who have permission to participate in our random testing program. Approximately every two weeks at each school, students, faculty and staff participating in the program will be selected at random for COVID-19 saliva testing. The percentage of individuals to be tested will be determined by the number of individuals enrolled in the school who have opted into the testing program.

Results from the COVID-19 saliva testing will be available in approximately two days. The results will be shared with Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and local health officials. Not all students who submit to participate in the random testing program will be tested due to the number of testing kits available and/or the number who sign up for the program.

If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in the East Brunswick School District’s voluntary random COVID-19 testing program, you do not have to do anything further.

If you would like your Hybrid child(ren) to participate in the East Brunswick School District’s voluntary random COVID-19 testing program, please fill out the acknowledgement and consent form that is available on Parent Access in the forms tab.

If you have questions regarding the information in this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Victor P. Valeski  
Superintendent of Schools

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