

EMIRATES FUTURE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

COVID 19 SALIVA TESTING FOR STUDENTS







SALIVA PCR TEST SAMPLE COLLECTION

REF: EFIA/CIR-124/2020-21

30/11/2020

Greetings!

Dear Parents,

Kindly note that the **Department of Health** is going to be conducting random **COVID-19 Saliva PCR testing of students** starting from 6th December 2020. These tests will be conducted for children between the **ages of 4 to 12 years only**, based on parental consent and using the saliva testing method. The Saliva PCR test is an innovative process that reduces the discomfort encountered by COVID-19 nasopharyngeal swab testing.

All parents are requested to note the following points and do the needful.

1. The testing will be performed at school.

2. All parents are requested to go through the attached files in detail.

3. Parents are requested to fill and submit a scanned copy of the consent form with parent's signature, and copy of the emirates ID of the student, on or before Wednesday, 2nd December 2020, positively.

4. The **date of the test** will be notified to parents as per the information from the Department of Health.

Attachments:

- 1. Consent form.
- 2. Flyer and FAQs on saliva testing method.

Principal





المدرسة للطلاب

CONSENT FOR IN-SCHOOL SALIVA TESTING OF STUDENTS FOR COVID-19

I,,	أنا الموقع أدناه:
parent or legal guardian of the child:	
Name:	الوالد/ة أو الوصي القانوني على الطفل:
Born// 20 do hereby consent to	الاسم:
collecting a saliva sample from my child for	
random in-school COVID-19 testing as	المولود// 20 أوافق على جمع عينة من
determined by the competent Health Authorities	لعاب طفلي لإجراء الفحوصات العشوائية لفيروس
of Abu Dhabi to be necessary for the welfare of	كوفيد-19 في المدرسة على النحو الذي تحدده
my child and the School Community.	السلطات الصحية المختصة بإمارة أبوظبي، بما يرونه
This authorization is effective from the date of	مناسبا لضمان صحة وسلامة طفلي والمجتمع المدرسي.
signature on this consent form, to the end of the	هذا التفويض ساري المفعول من تاريخ توقيع هذا النموذج و
Academic Year 2020/21.	حتى انتهاء العام الدراسي 21/2020.
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian	توقيع ولي الأمر:
Date:	التاريخ:
Parent or Legal Guardian Telephone:	رقم هاتف ولي الأمر:
This consent form should be returned signed	



1. WHAT IS THE SALIVA PCR TEST AND ASSOCIATED PROCESS?

The Saliva PCR test is a novel DOH approved, non-invasive, painless test for COVID-19 detection. Students who are attending school physically can now undergo this test. The child has to gently expel the required amount of saliva into a sterile container under the supervision of a healthcare worker.

HOW QUICKLY WILL I GET MY RESULT?

It is estimated that the results can be made available within 6-12 hours.

3. HOW WILL I RECEIVE THE RESULT?

Test results will remain confidential. Parents can see the results of their child's test on the Al Hosn application, linked to his/her Emirates ID. An SMS including the test result will also be sent to the mobile number you specify whilst completing the consent form.

WHAT IF MY CHILD TESTS POSITIVE?

In case your child tests positive, the school principal and team will contact you to provide detailed instructions suited to the composition of each family unit.

WHAT IS THE VALIDITY OF THE TEST?

It is valid for 96 hours.

WHAT QUANTITY OF SALIVA IS NECESSARY?

1 ml is sufficient for the test.

7. WHY IS THE SALIVA TEST BETTER THAN THE DIAGNOSTIC TESTS CURRENTLY BEING USED?
Its more convenient, noninvasive and poses less risk for collection staff. It's an approved test for detection of COVID-19 and has similar accuracy, sensitivity and performance characteristics to the currently used nasopharyngeal PCR swab test.

WILL MY CHILD NEED TO FOLLOW ANY INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE THE TEST?

It is important that your child does not drink or eat anything 45 minutes prior to the test for accurate

























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The child should begin pooling saliva in their mouth, as instructed by the healthcare worker.

SALIVA PCR TEST SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCESS

The child will gently expel saliva into the container, with at least 1 ml to be collected.













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اللعابي (PCR) عملية جمع عينات اختبار فحص الكوفيد-19

يجب أن يبدأ الطفل في تجميع اللعاب في فمه، حسب تعليمات موظف الرعاية الصحية.

بإمكان أولياء الأمور الحصول على نتائج فحص الطفل عبر تطبيق الحصن المرتبطة بالهوية الإماراتية، وسيتم إرسال النتائج عبر رسالة نصية خلال 6 – 12 ساعة.

> يقوم الطفل بوضع اللعاب بلطف في أداة جمع العينة بما لا يقل عن 1 مل من اللعاب.











