

## Parental Consent for Student Participation in COVID-19 Screening Testing

On September 2, 2021, the New York State Department of Health adopted an emergency regulation, 10 NYCRR 2.62, and promulgated a Commissioner's Determination on that same date to implement the emergency regulation, which requires that P-12 schools ensure weekly COVID-19 testing for teachers and staff who have not demonstrated proof of fully vaccinated. In addition, the September 2, 2021 Commissioner of Health's Determination required that Districts offer a consensual COVID-19 screening testing program for students whose parents consent to participate in such a program during times that the risk of transmission of COVID-19 is moderate or greater. Lastly, the Commissioner's Determination requires that Districts offer diagnostic testing either directly on-site or via referral to local entities who conduct diagnostic testing for any students, teachers or staff who are symptomatic or who were exposed to someone with COVID-19.

The Abbott BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card is a rapid (15 minutes) immunochromatographic membrane assay for the qualitative detection of the Covid-19 Virus (referred to hereinafter as, the "Rapid Test Kit"). This rapid antigen testing will be offered to students whose parents consent to their participation in the District's student screening testing program. Testing will be performed by the Village Apothecary on a weekly basis (or on such other interval as determined by the District rotating the population of consenting students). If you are interested in opting into rapid antigen COVID-19 screening testing for your student, please fill out the form below and return it to Julia W. Tomaine at 2829 Church Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567 by November 1, 2021.

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Consent:** Please check the box below to consent to the above-referenced student participating in COVID-19 screening testing:

- I consent to Village Apothecary's disclosure of the results of the testing to the Pine Plains Central School District (where applicable).
- I understand that the test results and other info may be disclosed as required/permitted by law to the State and/or local health departments.
- I understand the school will notify me of the negative results of the test by a letter sent home. If the test is positive for COVID-19 I will be notified by phone call.

**Yes, I give my permission to collect a sample from my child and conduct COVID-19 testing.**

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

***NOTE:** This testing is for screening purposes only and not for diagnostic purposes. Rapid antigen tests may produce incorrect negative results (called "false negatives") in people who have COVID-19 or false positives in those who do not have COVID-19. If your child tests negative but soon thereafter develops symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have concerns about a possible exposure to COVID-19, you should contact your child's healthcare provider. If your child tests positive and you want to verify if COVID-19 is present, you may choose to follow-up with your healthcare provider who may provide a diagnostic test within 48 hours of the positive rapid antigen test.*