*/Translation from the Lithuanian language/*

**CONSENT**

**FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PREVENTIVE AND ROUTINE SCHOOL TESTING OF HOUSEHOLDS**

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**I. BACKGROUND**

*This consent form contains information about the preventive testing of student households for COVID-19 (the coronavirus infection) as conducted at your school and about your participation in the preventive routine testing for COVID-19 (the coronavirus infection) (the ‘routine testing’); this information is intended for you.*

*Should you decide to participate in the testing, we will ask you to sign this consent form.*

**The organiser and coordinator of the testing**

The school

**The goal of the testing**

Your participation in the testing is critical, because the tests are aimed at establishing control over the spread of COVID-19 (the coronavirus infection) among the members of the school’s community and minimising the number of COVID-19 hotspots at the school, and a decision to proceed with secure in-person teaching of, and learning by, students who are taught under the primary curriculum at the school will be made based on the results of household tests for the students of each class, the educators, or other staff members at the school.

**The foundation of the testing**

Paragraph 2.2.9.21 of Resolution No 1226 ‘Regarding the Declaration of a Quarantine on the Territory of the Republic of Lithuania’ from the Government of the Republic of Lithuania dated 4 November 2020 or Paragraph 61 of Resolution No V-1336 ‘Regarding the Organising of Tests for COVID-19 (the Coronavirus Infection)’ from the Minister of Health and State-level Emergency Operations Manager of the Republic of Lithuania dated 29 May 2020, as well as Resolution No V-523 ‘Regarding the Mandate to Organise, Coordinate, and Conduct Experimental Voluntary Preventive Testing at Educational Establishments’ from the Minister of Health and State-level Emergency Operations Manager of the Republic of Lithuania dated 12 March 2021, or any regulation replacing it, and the decree from the Director of the Municipal Administration adopted on the basis thereof.

**No preventive COVID-19 testing will be performed** on you, the child you are representing, or any member of your household, if the person in question satisfies the criteria laid down in Paragraph 4.2 of Resolution No V-1336 ‘Regarding the Organising of Tests for COVID-19 (the Coronavirus Infection)’ from the Minister of Health and State-level Emergency Operations Manager of the Republic of Lithuania dated 29 May 2020.

**Conducting the tests**

1. BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE LEARNING PROCESS. If you agree to participate in the testing, by signing this consent you acknowledge your agreement to you and the members of your household undergoing household COVID-19 tests before taking part in the in-person learning process.

This consent will also constitute a consent regarding the testing of all underage household members for COVID-19 and the processing of their data for the purposes outlined in this consent.

Testing you and the members of your household will consist of pooled nasal swab SARS-CoV-2 (2019-nCoV) RNR RT PCR tests with samples grouped within the same virological media at the testing site (the pooled PCR test).

You and the persons within your household will be registered for testing by the coordinating body and will receive a text message sent to the cell phone number designated by you from the Coronavirus Hotline at 1808 with the time when you will need to appear for the test.

If you and the persons within your household are unable to come to the mobile test site using your own transportation, that of your relatives, or a ride-sharing or taxi service, you may contact the responsible person from the municipality who will arrange for your household’s transportation.

After you take the pooled PCR test, you will not need to self-isolate until the results are obtained. You will obtain your results via a text message from the Coronavirus Hotline at 1808, the details of you and your household members’ tests will also be entered in the electronic medical history in the electronic information system of the healthcare service and cooperation infrastructure at <https://www.esveikata.lt/>. You will need to report the results of your pooled tests to the school’s principal or another person authorised by them.

If **the results of your pooled PCR tests are positive,** you will receive a text message that the persons of your household and the child you are representing must complete online registration at [www.1808.lt](http://www.1808.lt) or register by phone at 1808 for a preventive PCR test and self-isolate in the manner prescribed by the Isolation Guidelines[[1]](#footnote-1) until the PCR test results are obtained. If no preventive PCR test is taken, you and the persons within your household will be subject to the self-isolation requirements of someone who has had a high-risk exposure to COVID-19. You will need to report the results of your PCR tests to the school’s principal or another person authorised by them.

1. DURING THE LEARNING PROCESS. If you agree to participate in the testing, by signing this document you agree to you undergoing preventive routine COVID-19 tests, the frequency of such tests being between 4 and 7 days.

The preventive tests of the child you are representing will consist of pooled nasal swab SARS-CoV-2 (2019-nCoV) RNR RT PCR tests with the samples grouped within the same virological media at the testing site (the pooled PCR test).

The testing will be done at the school and you will be registered for tests by the coordinating body. You will not receive a separate text message with the time of the test. Test samples (nasal swabs) will be taken independently by you, subject to prior instruction on how to take polled PCR test samples by the responsible personal healthcare specialist appointed by the personal healthcare institution. The independent sampling will be conducted under the supervision of the responsible school employee and a public healthcare specialist.

After the pooled PCR test, you will not need to self-isolate. Self-isolation will however be obligatory if the test results are positive. If the results of your routine pooled PCR test are negative, you will not be notified via a text message, but the details of your test will be entered in the electronic medical history in the electronic information system of the healthcare service and cooperation infrastructure at <https://www.esveikata.lt/>.

If **the results of the routine pooled PCR test are positive,** you will receive a text message that you must complete online registration at [www.1808.lt](http://www.1808.lt) or register by phone at 1808 for a preventive PCR test and self-isolate in the manner prescribed by the Isolation Guidelines until the PCR test results are obtained. If no preventive PCR test is taken, you will be subject to the self-isolation requirements of someone who has had a high-risk exposure to COVID-19. In this case, you will need to report the results of your PCR tests to the school’s principal or another person authorised by them.

**The participant’s rights**

Participation in the in-person learning process and preventive testing at educational establishments is **voluntary** and you have the right to refuse to participate or to opt out at any time after you enrol, by signing a free-form request. If you refuse to participate in the testing, you will proceed with distance learning if possible or you will be subject to the provisions of the Law on the Prevention and Control of Contagious Human Diseases of the Republic of Lithuania and of Resolution No 544 ‘Regarding the Approval of the List of Types of Work and Areas of Business that Require Prior and Follow-up Routine Employee Testing for Contagious Diseases, the List of Types of Work and Areas of Business that Require Prior and/or Routine Employee Testing for the Contagious Disease that has Caused the Declaration of a State-level Emergency or a Quarantine, and the Health-check Procedure for such Employees’ from the Government of the Republic of Lithuania dated 7 May 1999.

**II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING**

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In the course of the testing, the personal data (name, last name, personal ID No, phone number, test details (time and results), the reason for non-testing) of yourself and other household members will be processed for the purposes of ensuring a healthy and safe in-person learning environment by the following data controller: the School.

Personal data will be processed in line with Article 6.1(a) and Article 9.2(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which means with your consent, and will be kept at the School for a maximum period of 14 calendar days of the end of a school year.

For the purposes of organising and running the tests, the personal data of yourself and members of your household will be shared with the following data recipients who will be processing personal data under Article 6.1(c) and Article 9.2(h) and 9.2(i) of the GDPR:

* At the time of your registration in the Coronavirus Hotline at 1808, entering the test request in the electronic medical history in the electronic information system of the healthcare service and cooperation infrastructure (the ‘*E-sveikata* system’), and giving you the test results, your data will be provided to the Ambulance Station of the City of Kaunas, a public body;
* In the course of processing your data in the *E-sveikata* system: to the Ministry of Health;
* At the time of testing your swab sample: to the testing laboratory;
* In the course of coordinating the tests at the mobile site and preventive routine tests at the educational establishment: to the municipal public health office.

The identifiable health information obtained during the tests will be kept confidential and will be shared with the above data recipients in compliance with the GDPR, the Law on Patient Rights and Compensation of Health Impairment of the Republic of Lithuania, and other regulations pertaining to this type of activity. Other data recipients may only obtain your personal data in cases set forth in the regulations and when the provision of personal data is necessary and proportionate for legal and specific purposes. Your personal data processed on the basis of this consent will not be shared with any third parties.

Any health information obtained during the tests will not be considered confidential and may be published without your consent unless it can be directly or indirectly identifiable once published.

You will have the following rights spelled out in the GDPR:

- the right to access and correct or erase your personal data held by the data controller and data recipients;

- the right to restrict the processing of your personal data and the right to object to such processing;

- the right to data portability;

- the right to withdraw this consent to processing your personal data for the above purposes at any time (withdrawing this consent will not invalidate any processing of your personal data done prior to the withdrawal).

**III. CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TESTING**

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I have read this consent form and understood its contents.

I agree to myself and the underage members of my household participating in the testing.

I have been provided an opportunity to ask questions and I have been given answers to my satisfaction.

The procedure of organising and running the tests has been adequately explained to me. I agree and do not object to taking test samples independently in the course of the learning process, subject to prior instruction (on taking samples for the pooled PCR test independently) and supervision by the responsible School employee and a public healthcare specialist.

I have understood I can opt out of the testing at any time without specifying any reasons.

I have understood that in order to withdraw my consent to participating in the preventive testing, routine testing at the School, and the in-person learning process, I will have to give written notice to the effect to the school’s principal or a person authorised by them.

I have understood that participating in the preventing testing and the in-person learning process is voluntary.

I hereby undertake to follow the requirements of the Isolation Guidelines in the event I myself and/or a member of my household will need to self-isolate.

**IV. CONSENT TO THE SCHOOL PROCESSING PERSONAL DATA**

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I have read this consent form and understood its contents and agree to the school processing the personal data of myself and the underage members of my household as specified in this consent for the purposes and on the terms and conditions laid down in this consent.

I have been provided all information concerning personal data processing and my rights.

I hereby undertake to notify the School of any changes in the personal data processed under this consent.

This consent is valid for 14 calendar days of the end of the school year, unless withdrawn sooner.

***I know I have the right to withdraw this consent at any time*** and demand that any further processing of personal data on the basis of this consent be terminated. Withdrawing this consent will not invalidate any processing of personal data done prior to the withdrawal.

***I know that if I object*** to the school’s processing of the data specified in this consent, I will not be able to participate in the preventive routine testing for COVID-19 (the coronavirus infection) as well as serology tests, and to participate in the process of in-person learning at the school, or I will be subject to the provisions of the Law on the Prevention and Control of Contagious Human Diseases of the Republic of Lithuania and Resolution No 544 ‘Regarding the Approval of the List of Types of Work and Areas of Business that Require Prior and Follow-up Routine Employee Testing for Contagious Diseases, the List of Types of Work and Areas of Business that Require Prior and/or Routine Employee Testing for the Contagious Disease that has Caused the Declaration of a State-level Emergency and/or a Quarantine, and the Health-check Procedure for such Employees’ from the Government of the Republic of Lithuania dated 7 May 1999.

***I know that I have the right to file a complaint about personal data processing.*** If I believe that the school or any other data recipient is processing my personal data in violation of legal requirements, I will have the right to file a complaint with the supervisory body, the State Data Protection Inspectorate of the Republic of Lithuania (L. Sapiegos g. 17, LT-10312 Vilnius; phone: (8 5) 212 7532; e-mail: ada@ada.lt), or a court.



I hereby confirm I have read, understood, and accepted the text of this consent.

I hereby agree that my personal data be transferred to a third party – the Ambulance Station of the City of Kaunas, a public body, and certify the accuracy of the information provided by me.

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1. The Guidelines for the Isolation of Persons who Have or are Suspected to Have or Have been Exposed to COVID-19 (the Coronavirus Infection) at Home or at Another Place of Residence or in Housing Provided by the Municipal Administration as approved by Decree No V-352 from the Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania dated 12 March 2020. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)