

EAST ST. LOUIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 189
NOTICE OF STUDENT COVID-19 TESTING & DATA SHARING

This notice is for parents/guardians of students attending School District 189. East St. Louis School District 189 will perform a weekly “SHIELD Illinois Rapid rtPCR” test (“Test”) as part of our COVID-19 Safety Protocols with students from August – December 2021. The purpose of providing these tests is based on the District’s need to maintain a safe environment for employees and students, and other essential persons with whom students may come into contact during the COVID pandemic.

What data is being shared?

School District 189 will share the following data to SHIELD for testing enrollment purposes: **full student name, date of birth, sex, race, ethnicity, school name, home address, phone number, and email address.**

If the Test is negative, the District Testing Medical Professional will provide next steps in accordance with IDPH/East Side Health District Procedures and Protocols. In the event the Test is positive, the District Testing Medical Professional or designee will contact you with next steps, including school exclusion and a strong recommendation to contact your doctor to discuss the test results. Exclusions/guidelines for return will be communicated to you by the local health department or School District 189 representative.

What is the test?

The School District 189 student will receive a free diagnostic test for the COVID-19 virus conducted by collecting saliva (spit). Pursuant to the District 189 COVID-19 testing protocols, the student is eligible for a provided Test up to one (1) time per week.

Who will receive my child’s test results?

The School District and the Illinois Department of Public Health (“IDPH”) will receive your child’s Test results, consistent with IDPH guidance and the Illinois Control of Communicable Disease Code. This notice acknowledges that some protected health information under HIPAA, FERPA, and/or ISSRA will be shared to the extent necessary to complete the testing and to allow District 189 or SHIELD Illinois or MedCall (third party tester) to provide the results (whether positive or negative) of the Test to local and state public health authorities. Protected health information will not be reused or disclosed by the organization to any person or entity other than above, except by law.

Participation Exemption

Parents may request to receive a Shield Exemption Form and complete it based on the student’s physical inability to participate or religious restrictions only. Exemption requests must be reviewed and approved prior to student exemptions from participation in the Shield saliva testing program.

Hold Harmless

School District 189 has provided notification to parents and guardians and therefore assumes parents and guardians release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes District 189 and their healthcare staff, other staff members, administrators, board members, servants, agents, volunteers, and/or any other employees (herein referred to as “Indemnitees”) under the Testing and from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney’s fees and expenses, that may be sustained by students while participating in Testing, traveling to and from the Testing, and/or on the premises owned or leased by Indemnitees.