

COVID-19 Testing and Screening at Miss Hall's School

As part of Miss Hall's School's multifaceted efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the School will be conducting COVID-19 testing of students and employees. This will include testing upon arrival, periodic monitoring testing, testing due to the presentation of symptoms, and as otherwise decided by the School or local public health officials in the best interest of the student and the School community. The COVID-19 testing that will be done will be viral testing, which is a test to determine if a person currently has an infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. A positive test result means the person has contracted the virus.

For more information on viral tests for COVID-19, see the [CDC Viral Testing page](#).

The Miss Hall's School Incident Response Team has developed the following testing protocol:

- All students must be tested and produce a NEGATIVE test result within 72 hours-1 week returning to campus. Those who test positive should NOT return to campus.
- Families must arrange for their student's pre-arrival testing. Please speak to your healthcare provider about local testing options or refer to this list of [health centers and select pharmacies](#) offering community-based testing. Another option is an [at-home test kit](#) offered by Pixel and run through LabCorp.
- All boarding students will participate in testing and on-campus quarantine after arrival to ensure that there has been no infection during travel or since the negative test.
- All employees will be tested prior to students' return to campus. Employee testing will be offered on campus during the week of September 14-18.
- MHS will provide on-campus RT-PCR testing for students and employees through CIC Health, LLC in partnership with the [Broad Institute](#), a Harvard/MIT laboratory that is providing testing for many schools and higher education institutions around the country. The test is minimally invasive and uses a nasal swab. The schedule for on-going monitoring testing will be developed based on guidance from state and local health departments. Families and employees will be informed of all test results. The cost is covered by MHS.
- As an alternative to the Broad Institute, students and employees may make arrangements to be tested at Berkshire Medical Center. Miss Hall's will not cover the cost of off-campus testing so this will need to be billed through insurance.
- We continue to research options for rapid antigen testing. We will update the MHS community as more information becomes available.
- In the event of a potential cluster of COVID-19 cases within the school, MHS may, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, request a state-sponsored rapid response mobile testing unit to provide testing of asymptomatic individuals.

In addition to testing for COVID-19, we will be asking all students who will be on campus to complete a daily symptom screening through an app called MyMedBot. Employees may also use the MyMedBot app or self-monitor symptoms.

Consent, Acknowledgement, and Understanding Student Testing and Screening

On behalf of myself and _____, (student's name) I understand and acknowledge that the School will be arranging for COVID-19 testing and screening of students as outlined above, and that I will be informed of any positive test result. I hereby consent to such testing. I understand and acknowledge that such test results are not guaranteed to be accurate, and there is a risk that some test results may report false negative or positive results. I will in no way seek to hold the School accountable or responsible for the test results, any reliance it places on the test results as part of its own safety and mitigation efforts, or the School's facilitation of treatment or lack thereof of my child based on the test results.

I agree that the School may provide information as may be requested from the testing company [CIC Health, LLC in partnership with the [Broad Institute](#)] about my child and that the testing company may share the results of the testing with the School. I understand that the Broad Institute will not use individual samples for [research purposes](#), though de-identified data may be shared with public health officials for analysis or as part of quality-control procedures. I also understand and acknowledge that information about my child's testing results will be maintained as a confidential medical record which may be shared on a need to know basis within the School and to public health officials per communicable disease reporting guidelines.

I understand that agreement to be tested is a condition of my child returning to campus. If you do not agree to have your child participate in regular testing and screening, as outlined above, then we will make arrangements for your child to study remotely.

Students 18 Years of Age or Older: By signing below, you understand and acknowledge the above paragraphs apply to you and you hereby agree to what they state. You further agree that the School may communicate with your parents regarding any COVID-19 testing or treatment as a result of a positive COVID-19 test. This form may be signed in counterparts.

Student Name _____

Student Signature_____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Date:_____