

## To parents/guardians

**We are now going to frequently test pupils and staff at schools for the coronavirus. Here is some information for you as a parent/guardian about the testing.**

The purpose of mass testing is that pupils and staff can feel safe at school and to hasten the opportunity for young persons to live as normally as possible, including during the pandemic. By testing pupils and staff on a regular basis, Oslo municipality would like to detect infected persons at an early stage, isolate them, trace people who have been in close contact with them and place them in quarantine.

Young people often have milder corona symptoms or no symptoms at all, while also having a large social network. This means that they can easily infect others without knowing that they are infectious.

### **Remember:**

- The test is voluntary for pupils.
- Parental consent is not required for participation in mass testing.
- As a parent/guardian you can state whether or not your child should be tested. Please get in touch with the contact teacher, if necessary.
- Even if a pupil has been regularly tested, it is important that their parents/guardians observe the infection control guidelines that apply to everyone.

### **The test**

Pupils test themselves in the classroom.

The test is only performed in the front part of the nose. This is an easy way to test compared to the deep nose test and the stick far back in the throat, which is the normal procedure for testing for corona.

This is a so-called quick test, which means that the test result will be ready after 20–60 minutes.

### **What happens if the test is negative?**

We expect most of the tests to be negative, meaning that there is no evidence of the coronavirus. This means that the pupils can continue their lessons and school day as normal.

### **What happens if the test is positive?**

If anyone in the class tests positive for the coronavirus:

- The test team will contact the school management and inform them that someone in the class is infected. For reasons of privacy they will not state the name of the person who is infected.

- The school management will notify the class about the positive test and what it means. Everyone in the class will receive a face mask and will be sent home for provisional quarantine.
- The test team will also contact the local infection tracing team to notify them about who has been registered as infected.
- The infection tracing team will contact the infected person and their close contacts in the normal way.

### **What happens if something goes wrong during the test?**

If something goes wrong during the test or during the analysis of the test, the test could be inconclusive. This means that it is neither positive nor negative.

If this happens then the test assistant could return to the classroom and conduct a new test on the relevant person/persons.

### **Confidentiality**

The school must observe confidentiality and will ensure that the privacy of each pupil is safeguarded. If a pupil tests positive, it will just be the pupil themselves and their parents/guardians, where applicable, who will be notified of this.