

Informed Consent for Student Participation Return-to-School COVID-19 Testing

The Gill St. Bernard's School has implemented a return-to-school plan to hold live, on-campus classes for the 2021-2022 school year. As an additional safety measure, students and employees who will be returning to campus will be required to participate in weekly, pooled saliva testing designed to identify potential infection with COVID-19 (the "COVID-19 Testing"). Gill St. Bernard's School will bear the cost of pool testing. By returning to campus, members of the Gill St. Bernard's community indicate their consent to participate in the COVID-19 Testing and/or their consent to permit their child(ren) to participate in the COVID-19 Testing.

Community members understand that the School's COVID-19 Testing is but one component of the measures it has implemented to mitigate the risk of the transmission of COVID-19 on campus. Students will self-administer the test at home using the testing kit provided by the school and will then provide the saliva sample to their division. As Gill St. Bernard's is not conducting the testing but is instead collecting samples to be tested off-campus by Mirimus Labs, Gill St. Bernard's makes no representations as to the accuracy or reliability of the COVID-19 Testing. Parents/guardians and students understand that the testing by Mirimus Labs could result in either false positives or false negatives. At this time, Mirimus Labs does not have regulatory approval to identify individual COVID-19 detected samples but must instead report a potential positive pair. Therefore, any person identified as a part of the positive pair will be required to quarantine. Any student who is identified as a member of potential positive pair will have the opportunity to rebut the presumption of positivity through an independent PCR test, administered within 48 hours of the time of Gill St. Bernard's notification that they were potentially positive. Parents/guardians and students will only be informed of the student's test results if they are part of a positive pair. Parents may opt to test through Mirimus, but they will be charged a fee for that individual test.

By participating in COVID-19 Testing, community members agree that the authorized Gill St. Bernard's personnel may review the test results. By participating in the COVID-19 Testing, parents/guardians, on their own behalf and on behalf of the student, release the School, its Trustees, employees and agents from any and all claims arising out of or related to participation in Gill St. Bernard's COVID-19 Testing, except that this release does not apply to liability for willful injury, and is not intended to release any third parties for any claims that may otherwise be asserted.

If a parent/guardian elects not to permit their child to participate in the COVID-19 Testing provided by the school, the parent/guardian will be required to provide the school with proof of the student's negative COVID-19 test result each week or the student will be required to participate in distance learning rather than returning to campus. In the event the parent/guardian elects not to participate in the COVID-19 Testing, the parent/guardian must contact their school nurses no later than Monday before each collection day.