

School to Community OHSU Screening Testing Letter - English

Dear Roosevelt families,

Roosevelt has the opportunity to participate in a free COVID-19 screening testing program in partnership with Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). The project is a collaboration with Oregon Health Authority, OHSU, Multnomah County and our health partners at Multnomah Education Service District (MESD). We are excited to participate in this free and simple testing program, as it will be an additional measure in maintaining a safe environment for our community.

Attached are documents with detailed information about the process, and a consent form. Below are a few key items.

1. Roosevelt will receive testing kits to send home with students. These will contain a small vial for your student to deposit saliva. It is very important to remember that students should not have eaten or drank anything (other than water), or brushed teeth, for 30 minutes before the saliva collection.
2. Your student will receive their sample collection materials on Monday and must have them returned to school on Tuesday. Samples will be dropped off at the main office.
3. OHSU will collect the samples on Tuesday from the school.
4. OHSU expects to provide families with results within 48 hours of the specimen being dropped off at the school. You will receive a secure email with your child's results. Please be sure the primary email addresses are updated and you have the correct email address noted that you wish results to go to.
 - a. **If it is a positive result, you will need to call your child's school and inform them immediately and will follow the guidance provided to you. You will be asked to keep your child home from school.**

If you are interested in signing your child up for the free weekly COVID screening testing, please complete the attached release of information. We will provide these to OHSU and we will provide testing kits to your student. After OHSU has run the tests, you will receive a secure email with your child's results.

Your student's test results will be kept confidential and will be accessible only to you, unless it is a positive result.

- If your child has a positive result, you are consenting to allow OHSU to provide this information to the Multnomah County Health Department.
- Please keep your child home until you are contacted by the nurse or administrator for a return to school date.

Testing is one tool amongst many to prevent the spread of COVID-19; despite the availability of this program, the best tools to protect individuals against COVID-19 are vaccination for those eligible, physical distancing, masks, proper ventilation and airflow, hand hygiene, and staying home if ill or exposed to someone with COVID-19.

Our nurse Nicky Zimmerman is available to help answer your health and safety questions. The Roosevelt team is here to support you, your family and your child's educational success and emotional wellness.

If you have questions about the testing process, please contact us at rooseveltinfo@pps.net or (503)916-5260. Please also be sure to update any email addresses on file.

If you have questions about the OHSU process or test specifics, please refer to the information attached to this letter and contact them directly.

Go Riders!

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