



*If your child/dependent is under the age of 18 and is a student, or attending a program, at Harvard University, the following form must be completed, signed and returned prior to your child's/dependent's arrival on campus.*

Consent to SARS-CoV-2 Testing and Access to Information

**Background:** As part of Harvard's return to campus plans, Harvard has engaged the Broad Institute's laboratory, the Clinical Research Sequencing Platform (CRSP), to provide SARS-CoV-2 testing to Harvard students, employees, employees of vendors and contractors, and certain other individuals who either live on campus or are required to be on campus for significant periods of time. Harvard has also engaged Color Genomics, Inc. (Color) to provide a web portal, software and services (the "Color Platform") that supports the University's testing program. You are receiving this form because your presence in Harvard's facilities indicates that you must participate in the testing program. This form explains the SARS-CoV-2 test and who will get your results. Information about Harvard's testing policies and how often you will be required to be tested is available at Harvard's [Keep Harvard Healthy website](#). This consent will remain valid for all tests you receive as part of this testing program. The manner and frequency of testing and the parties that assist Harvard in this program may change over time, and this consent will remain valid in case such changes are made. Please note that although your agreement to participate in this testing program is voluntary, your ability to enter and remain on Harvard's campus and in its facilities for work or study, or as part of the residential community, is conditioned on your adherence to Harvard's requirements for testing.

**The Test:** The test that you will receive is designed to detect if you have SARS-CoV-2, also known as the "novel coronavirus." SARS-CoV-2 is the virus that causes the disease known as COVID-19. The results of this test will **not** tell you if you had the virus in the past or if you have immunity to getting the virus in the future. **It only tests for the presence of the virus in your specimen at the time of the test.** More details about the SARS-CoV-2 test, the limited risks of the test itself, and understanding your test results can be accessed on the [Keep Harvard Healthy website](#) and on the Color Platform. Your specimen will be collected through a process that involves swabbing your nose.

**Information You Will Be Asked to Provide:** When you register for testing on the Color Platform, you will be asked to provide certain information about yourself, including your name, phone number, mailing address, email address, sex, and date of birth. Harvard will separately provide your Harvard University identification number to Color in order to identify you as a participant in the testing program. Color will match your identifying information with barcode information on the tubes containing your specimens, so that test results delivered by CRSP can be provided through the Color Platform.

**Release of Results:** CRSP will release the results of your test through the Color Platform to you and to Harvard simultaneously. CRSP or Color will also report your test results to certain federal, state, or local government agencies (such as the Massachusetts Department of Public Health) as required by law.

**Use and Disclosure of Your Information:** As described above, your identifying information will be used by CRSP and Color and their contractors for the purpose of performing coronavirus testing and reporting your test results back to you, to Harvard, and to certain agencies as required by law. CRSP and Color may also use information about you that does not identify you to improve the quality of their services or for additional analysis at the direction of a public health agency. Other uses of information by Color are described in Color's privacy terms, which will be made available to you by Color when you register on the Color Platform.

Your identifying information and test results will be disclosed to, accessed, used, and further disclosed by Harvard, including by Harvard University Health Services and others inside and outside Harvard who need to know this information in order to manage this information and to help protect the health and safety of the Harvard and surrounding communities during the coronavirus pandemic. Activities that Harvard may undertake in furtherance



of this health and safety purpose include, but are not limited to, disclosure of your identity and test results (and whether you have taken the test according to directions from Harvard) to human resource officers, managers and supervisors, facilities and dining personnel, students, school administrators, and others inside and outside Harvard, including vendors with staff working at Harvard, who have a need to know this information (1) to provide you with, or refer you to, support and resources while you are infected or in isolation or quarantine; and (2) to support contact tracing and other efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19. In addition, Harvard may disclose your identifying information and test results as required by law or legal process. Harvard may use, or collaborate with others to use, information about you that does not readily identify you for program management, research and development, or as otherwise permitted by law.

**What To Do After Testing:** If your results are positive, you will be contacted by Harvard University Health Services, which will collect additional information from you and may refer you for follow up medical care. Only a doctor can diagnose you with COVID-19 and give you information about what you should do next. Negative results mean that the virus was not detected in your specimen. It is possible for the test to produce an incorrect negative result (called a “false negative”) in some people who have coronavirus.

**Acknowledgment:** CRSP and Color do not give medical advice or provide medical care. You should talk to a doctor about any health care needs you may have, including any related to receiving this test. Harvard does not control, and cannot be responsible for any problems or mistakes in the services provided by, CRSP or Color.

**Agreement and Consent:** By signing this form, you agree: (i) that you have read and understand the information contained or referred to in this consent form; (ii) to provide a nasal swab specimen or other required specimen for testing; (iii) to have your specimen tested by CRSP for coronavirus; (iv) that Harvard may access, use and disclose your identifying information and test results from the Color Platform for the purposes described in this form, which include disclosure of your identity and test results to conduct contract tracing as described in this form; (v) that information that does not readily identify you may be used after the testing is over by CRSP, Color, and Harvard for the purposes described in this form; (v) that your agreement to these activities is voluntary; and (vi) that your ability to enter and remain on Harvard’s campus and in its facilities for work or study, or as part of the residential community, is conditioned on your participation in Harvard’s testing program and adherence to Harvard’s requirements for testing.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent/guardian of

*(please print)*

\_\_\_\_\_, date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

*(please print)*

who is currently a minor (under the age of 18).

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this **Consent to SARS-CoV-2 Testing and Access to Information**, by which I authorize my child’s/dependent’s participation in the testing program and disclosure of my child’s/dependent’s information as described above.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Parent/Guardian signature)*

