



Private Education Sector

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Subject: Updated PCR Testing Requirements

Dear Principals,

As you know, this year we will enjoy new privileges that we didn't have in the previous academic year, such as less stringent protocols around COVID-19 related school closures, reduction of physical distancing and others. This coupled with the scientific evidence around the increase of the spread of the virus between children has raised concerns and therefore the authorities have updated the measures which fortunately only includes changes to the PCR testing rules.

We appreciate that these changes are cumbersome but we assure you that they will help us advocate for the most optimal academic year for schools.

Please note the changes highlighted in blue text below and communicate them with parents at your earliest. **If these changes result in some parents changing their preference for face-to-face learning, you will need to give them 2 weeks flexibility to change to distance learning if your school provides it (as per the "Confirmation on Your Choice for Offering Distance Learning" email received in June).**

Students of all ages, School Staff and third-party contractors:

Category	First-entry PCR testing	Routine PCR testing		PCR Fees
		From 29 August - 27 September (First 30 days of school)	28 September Onwards	
Unvaccinated and vaccinated students below 12 (including Students of Determination)	96 hour validity Free PCR testing is available for below 12 students in all private and public screening facilities Click here for testing centers providing saliva testing	14 days validity	30 days validity	Free for the first 30 days of schools. We will communicate further details about the PCR fee coverage in the coming weeks.
12+ Vaccinated (including Students of Determination)	96 hour validity	14 days validity	30 days validity	
12+ Unvaccinated (including those with approved vaccination exemptions)	96 hour validity	14 days validity	7 days validity	

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Dear Principals,

Please find attached a circular with the updated testing requirements. Kindly note that the first entry requirement is now changed to 96 hours valid PCR test.

A list of the previously shared testing locations and timings can be found on the below link:

<https://adek.gov.ae/en/education-System/Staff-and-Students-Testing-Centers>

Kindly note that the below 12 students can have a free PCR test in both private and public screening facilities.

Please click the below link for a list of centers providing saliva testing:

<https://adek.gov.ae/en/education-system/saliva-testing-centers>

Please inform parents at the earliest regarding these new available locations for the below 12 year old students. They will need to use the same codes we have shared along with circular #PE/K12E2021/028 to avail the free testing.

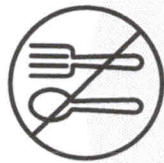
Thank you,
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SALIVA PCR TEST SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCESS

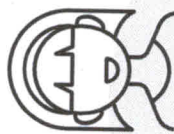


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Children must not eat or drink 45 minutes prior to the sample collection.

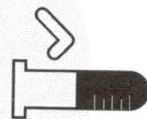


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The child should begin pooling saliva in their mouth, as instructed by the healthcare worker.

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The child will gently expel saliva into the container, with at least 1 ml to be collected.



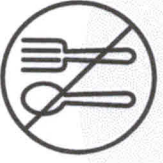
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Parents can see the results on the Al Hosn application, linked to the child's Emirates ID and also receive an SMS within 6 - 12 hours.



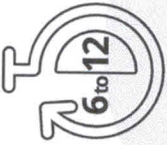


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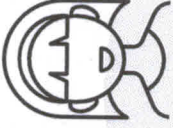
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يجب ألا يأكل أو يشرب الطفل
قبل 45 دقيقة من أخذ العينة.



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بإمكان أولياء الأمور الحصول
على نتائج فحص الطفل عبر
تطبيق الحصن المرتبطة بالهوية
الإماراتية، وسيتم إرسال
النتائج عبر رسالة نصية خلال
6 - 12 ساعة.

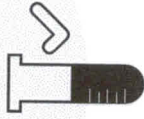


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يجب أن يبدأ الطفل فمه، حسب
اللعاب فمه، فمه، حسب
تعليمات موظف الرعاية
الصحية.

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يقوم الطفل بوضع اللعاب
بلطف فمه أداة جمع العينة بما
لا يقل عن 1 مل من اللعاب.



اللعاب: (PCR) عملية جمع عينات اختبار فحص الكوفيد-19