

# Preventive lateral flow testing and tracing in schools from January 2022

Dear parents, preventive lateral flow testing in schools will continue from January. Testing will occur twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 to 16 January. The testing will then occur once a week on Mondays from 17 January onwards. The testing applies to all children and pupils, i.e. both vaccinated and unvaccinated and those who have had the illness. If your child is not tested, they will be required to wear a facemask at school all day. Children over 15 will be required to wear a respirator.

## What should you do, if your child's lateral flow test is positive?

If your child's lateral flow test returns a positive result, it is not necessary to contact your GP in order to receive a PCR test request form. The school will inform you with regard to how the request form will be issued for your child. There are two possibilities:

**1**

You will receive a text message with the number of the electronic request form ("eŽádanka"). Once you have received this message, you can go to any testing facility that performs PCR tests on the basis of an official test request form. Some testing facilities require you to book in advance.

**2**

Your child will receive written confirmation of the positive lateral flow test result from the school. Take this confirmation to any testing facility that performs PCR tests on the basis of an official test request form. Some testing facilities require you to book in advance. The certificate that you receive from the school does not constitute a certificate that can be used to access services and events or for travelling.

The list of PCR testing facilities can be found at: <https://crs.uzis.cz>

## If the PCR test result is negative

your child can return to regular lessons.

## What should you do, if the PCR test result is positive?

If your child's PCR test is positive, contact your child's paediatrician. You will subsequently be contacted by the hygiene office or you will be request to perform self-tracing.

You are newly obliged to inform the school of any positive PCR test result for your child, no matter whether this involves school testing or, for example, an infection in the family.

## What happens, if a classmate receives a positive lateral flow test?

If this occurs during the Monday testing, the positive child will not attend lessons. The other children will remain at school.

If any of the pupils test positive during the Thursday lateral flow testing, the entire class will enter the so-called test-to-stay mode. This means that all the members of the class will be tested with a lateral flow test every day until such time as the original child with the positive lateral flow test receives a negative PCR test result. The entire class will be subject to special measures throughout that period; the wearing of facemasks by pupils under 15 or respirators by pupils over 15, a separate toilet, social distancing of at least 1.5 metres from others when eating and the children will be kept in isolation from the other pupils.

## What will happen, if your child meets someone who is positive with covid-19 at school?

Your child may come across a pupil at school who has received a positive PCR test result. If the school has submitted all the necessary information to the regional hygiene office, you will receive a text message containing the number of the electronic test request form (eŽádanka), a quarantine order and instructions pertaining to the PCR test.

Self-tracing will no longer be necessary and you need not expect a telephone call from the tracing centre.

If something goes wrong or contact occurs outside school, you will receive a text message with a request to self-trace. In such a case, please be sure to self-trace, as this will accelerate the entire process.