

# COVID-19 PROJECT FACT SHEET

## Understanding impacts of mitigation measures on secondary transmission among K-12 students, teachers, and staff

The Missouri Department of Public Health, Washington University, St. Louis University and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are working together to investigate coronavirus cases associated with schools and understand ways to prevent future cases in students.

Our goal is to keep the school safe by identifying all children, teachers, and staff with COVID-19 to help prevent further spread of the virus. This project will help us learn about how coronavirus spreads in schools. It will help improve guidelines to keep our schools as safe as possible.

We would like to ask you questions about your health and activities you participated in before and during the time you were exposed to the coronavirus at school. We will also ask that you be tested during the quarantine period and report any new symptoms that develop during that time.

We will collect a small amount of saliva from you (approximately less than ½ teaspoon for COVID-19 testing). If you develop symptoms prior to the scheduled test date, we will be available to collect your saliva for testing at that time. Results of the test will come back in 2-3 days. If test results are positive, it means you are currently infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, even if you do not have symptoms. If your test results are positive, we are requesting your permission to do additional testing on the sample collected so that we can better understand the genetic characteristics of the virus.

Positive test results are shared with the school nurse so that they can follow up with you. A positive test would require home isolation and staying home from school for at least 10 days from the date the test was taken or start of symptoms, and quarantining of family members and other close contacts. If the test results are negative, this means you were not infected with the virus at the time the sample was taken but may not mean you are done with quarantine. The information from testing during the quarantine will help us understand the best time to test someone during the quarantine period.

### QUESTIONS?

We encourage you to ask questions. If you have any questions about the project itself, please contact Jason Newland, MD at 314 747-5128.

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about your rights as a participant, please contact the Human Research Protection Office 1-(800)-438-0445, or email [hrpo@wustl.edu](mailto:hrpo@wustl.edu). General information about being a research participant can be found on the Human Research Protection Office web site, <http://hrpo.wustl.edu>. To offer input about your experiences as a participant or to speak to someone other than the project staff, call the Human Research Protection Office at the number above.

If you are the parent/guardian of a child under the age of 18 who is being invited to participate in this project, the word “you” in this document refers to your child. This project is a partnership between Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis University, Local School Officials and CDC.

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Information gathered from the interview and testing will be kept in a secure database at Washington University in St. Louis. The interview responses and testing will be shared with the CDC for further analysis.

We will not share any personally identifying information.

This investigation has been reviewed and approved by Washington University, the CDC, and the Missouri Department of Public Health as a public health emergency response. Your participation in this interview and testing is completely voluntary. You can choose not to respond to any question at any time. You can also end the interview at any time. If one of the questions is unclear, we can ask it a different way.

**Thank you for your participation!**