



## **PK Yonge COVID-19 RESEARCH STUDY – FAQs**

### **What do I bring to the testing appointment?**

Each adult participant will need to bring a photo ID. For student participants or other children in the household, please bring a copy of your confirmation email (printed or on your phone).

### **What if multiple members of my household are being tested? How will it work?**

Please have all members of your household who are participating come together in one car, if possible, or two cars arriving together. We will test all consented household members at the same appointment time. No one will get out of the car. It will work very much like it did for student testing in April, but we will be testing many more people.

### **What if I cannot get appointment times together or at the same time for all members of my household?**

All members of the same household (or two households if the student participant splits time between two households) should arrive at the same testing time. If you cannot get all times together, that is ok. Go ahead and make an appointment for everyone who is to be tested, but bring *everyone* at your student participant's appointment time.

### **How long will it take to complete testing?**

15-30 minutes, depending upon the number of people in your household participating.

### **What tests will be administered?**

Both a swab test (throat) and finger prick (antibody test) are being offered.

### **Why would I test my child again after only a month?**

The swab test will test the child for active viral infection. The finger prick will show antibody presence that may indicate past exposure. Your child's infection status may change over the course of the pandemic, whether your child has had symptoms or not.

### **How early should I arrive for my appointment?**

Please plan to arrive 5-10 minutes early.

### **Am I able to schedule a same-day appointment?**

No. All appointments must be made before registration closes, at last a day prior to testing.



**What do I do if I have made an appointment and missed it?**

Please contact us at 352-328-0615 and we will try to accommodate you at a later test time.

**If I am running late for our testing appointment, should I still show up for testing or do I need to reschedule?**

If you are running late, please contact our team at 352-328-0615 and we can determine when we can see you in between appointments.

**If my child or household contact is having respiratory symptoms or a has fever, should they still come to be tested?**

If a participant is experiencing severe symptoms, please contact their primary care physician for guidance. If you need emergency care, please call 911 or report to your nearest emergency department.

If s/he is experiencing fever or other mild symptoms, they are still eligible for testing. You will need to communicate this to the research team when you arrive for testing. Please assure that you and the participant are wearing a mask in the car.

**Is this study only for P.K. Yonge Students? What if my friends, family, etc. want to get tested?**

The original recruitment of P.K. Yonge students has been broadened to include household contacts of those students. This study now includes anyone living within the same household as the P.K. Yonge student who was initially enrolled in the study.

**How does the swab testing work?**

A swab on a plastic stick will be inserted into your throat and gently rotated to collect the sample. This takes about 10 seconds and, while a little uncomfortable, is not painful.

**What kind of finger stick is taken to collect the blood sample?**

A device similar to a diabetic finger stick device (spring loaded) will be used to prick the skin to the side of the pad of the middle or ring finger. The finger will be cleaned with an alcohol swab, the device is pressed to the skin, a button is pressed, the skin is pricked, the device is discarded and then a drop of blood is placed onto a collection device. This may require the finger to be massaged to get the correct drop size. Blood spots (four if possible) will be filled on the blood spot card in this manner.

**If I make an appointment, when and where is testing being done?**

When you book your appointment, you will receive a confirmation with the date, time, and location of your appointment, as well as other details.

**What steps are taken to assure safety?**

The person doing the test will be wearing a gown, eye protection, and a mask. Between tests, they will apply sanitizer to their hands, apply new gloves, and gel the new gloves. The finger prick kits are single use and the throat swabs are single use. The only points of contact are the tip of the swab and the finger prick.

**How do I cancel my appointment?**

You do not need to do anything to cancel your testing appointment. If you do not show up, and you do not notify the testing team, the test slot will be reallocated to someone else.

**When will I receive antibody test results?**

Test results from the dried blood spots will take longer than swab results. If and when results are deemed valid by the research team, they will be communicated to families by email. If results are valid and shared, it will occur no earlier than 6 weeks after testing and may take up to six months.

**How will negative swab results be communicated to me?**

You will receive an email 4-5 working days after testing if your test results are negative

**How will positive swab results be communicated to me?**

You will be contacted by phone by the Research Study Staff 4-5 working days after testing if your results are positive. They will make recommendations at that point regarding next steps.

**If I have not received my swab test results after 4-5 working days, should I contact someone?**

Yes. After 4-5 working days, if you have not received your results, please email our team at [pkcovid19@epi.ufl.edu](mailto:pkcovid19@epi.ufl.edu) or call at 352-328-0615.

**My research results were negative but now I am having symptoms, what do I do?**

Self-quarantine and contact your health care provider for further instructions. If it becomes a medical emergency, call 911 or proceed to your nearest emergency department for assistance.

**If I decide that I no longer want to be a part of the research study, whom do I contact?**

Email our team at [pkcovid19@epi.ufl.edu](mailto:pkcovid19@epi.ufl.edu) or call at 352-328-0615.

**What if I want my child tested, but s/he doesn't want to be?**

Each child over the age of eight years of age will need to assent, or agree, to being in the study. They will be asked again, after initial online assent, when you arrive to have your child tested.



While children may not like to have finger sticks or throat swabs, if they are over the age of eight, they will need to give their assent - agreement - to be tested. If a child does not give assent, the research team will not collect the samples.

**I am employed at the University of Florida. Can my test in this study be used to allow me to return to work?**

No

**If I have already been tested as part of the return to campus testing at UF, can I opt-out of the swab for this study and just provide the finger stick?**

Yes