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Dear Link parent or guardian,

At Link Community Charter School, we seek to maintain a safe environment for employees, students, families, and the community. To support those goals, we have partnered with [Concentric by Ginkgo](#) to provide an optional and free COVID PCR testing program.

But first, we need your help! We are requesting each family and staff to take part in this program to help safeguard the wellbeing of our entire school community. The more students and staff participate, the more effective our in-school testing program will be.

What is PCR testing?

A PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test is a highly effective method for detecting the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that can lead to COVID-19) in an individual. Each test taker will take a test tube that has been registered to them, put their saliva in the test tube, and seal the tube. It is a quick and non-intrusive process that can be accomplished by all students and staff. The sample will then be transported to a nearby lab for processing.

Why PCR testing? Why should my student participate?

You know the old saying: "knowledge is power." Tools like PCR testing empower us to make great decisions. Without knowing the specific prevalence of COVID-19 in our school, it's tough for us to make informed decisions about safeguarding our school community, returning to school, or continuing in-person learning. Testing empowers us to make these informed decisions about in-person learning and allows students, teachers, and staff to come to school with peace of mind.

To learn more about PCR testing, read the attached overview of Concentric's PCR testing program.

To get started, please fill out a consent form that grants us permission to perform a COVID-19 PCR test for your student at Link Community Charter School. If you have more than one child attending Link, you will need to complete the process for each child separately. This process should take no more than 5 minutes to complete using a computer or a smartphone.

Please access the consent form by using one of the following link and our school's access code: **H7SSY9**.

- For **Student** Test Takers (**under** the age of 18 (U-18)): <https://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com/minor-consent>

Finally, enter your child's information, and you're done!

Only students with completed consent forms are able to participate in testing. If you do not want your family to participate, your student will not be included in the testing program. Though, we strongly encourage you to participate!

Sincerely,

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Principal