

Der Oberbürgermeister

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Corona rapid tests at schools in Rottenburg am Neckar

Dear parents, dear school administrators and teachers of the schools in Rottenburg,

the urban administration of Rottenburg am Neckar will offer regular corona rapid tests in all Rottenburg schools from Monday, March 1st, 2021.

If you, dear parents, give us your approval, in the future your child will be tested 1-2 times a week by trained staff at the school. You will not be charged with any costs.

Initially, it is not planned that the scholars will perform the test themselves. If experience over the next few days and weeks indicates that a self-test under supervision is manageable without any problems, the tests could possibly also be carried out by the scholars and teachers independently in the future.

We hope for a high number of participants so that possible corona infections - even without symptoms of illness - can be detected early. Please consider: The larger the number of participants, the greater the safety for all people who learn and work in our schools. By this means, testing your child and all employees at the schools helps ensure that the schools can be fully reopened as soon as possible. Because of the appearance of the much more contagious and dangerous new corona mutations this preventive testing is particularly important.

Of course the participation is voluntary and your agreement can be cancelled at any time.

The test offer applies equally to all teachers and other employees at the schools. Since February 8th, 2021, you have also the opportunity of being tested free of charge in the municipal test centre in the Klause youth centre and in Ergenzingen. Please feel free to continue taking advantage of this free offer from the city of Rottenburg am Neckar!

Here are some answers to possible questions:

- **How and where is the test performed?** Test rooms are set up at all schools, in which the scholars are tested by trained staff.
- **Are there side effects or other dangers with a rapid test?** No, body contact is only made with a sterile, thin cotton swab that is inserted into the nose. Normally this is not felt as uncomfortable and there is no risk of injury.
- **Are personal data collected and stored?** The school only records from whom the parents' agreement is existing. This makes sure that no tests are given to unauthorized persons. The Participation in the test and the test results itself are not logged.
- **What happens if the test result is positive?** A positive rapid test is initially only an indication of a possible corona infection. Occasionally, rapid tests can also show false-positive results. Therefore, a positive rapid test result must always be checked with a normal PCR test. If a rapid test reacts positively, the school will inform you immediately by telephone.
- **If you have any further questions**, please contact your school management

I would like to ask you to accept the free rapid tests offered!

Please help to keep the currently positively low number of infections in the Tübingen district furthermore low.

Yours sincerely



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Declaration of agreement
to participate in corona rapid tests as part of school attendance

I hereby agree that my child _____, class _____ at
school _____ will be regularly tested for an infection with
the coronavirus using a rapid test.

Rottenburg, _____

Signature of a parent or legal guardian