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Info Sheet – Important information for parents on voluntary testing of your children

Dear Parents -

Starting immediately, the State Government will provide no-charge, twice-weekly testing of your children with a COVID-19 rapid antigen test. To realize this, your daycare facility or other child daycare provider will issue a pack containing 10 antigen self-test kits to you. The purpose of this testing programme is to make daycare locations as safe as possible for all concerned. These tests can help keep the daycare centres open and establish the flexibility required for the quickest possible reaction should this prove necessary. They will enable us to monitor the daycare centres more efficiently and keep infection levels down.

Please note the following:

1. Testing of your child is voluntary! No child should be forced to submit to testing. The decision on whether or not to test your child will therefore not affect whether he or she can attend a daycare centre or be cared for by another daycare provider.
2. Please take plenty of time to read the instructions for use provided for the test thoroughly! The instructions are enclosed with the self-test pack and are also provided here as a PDF (see attachment).
3. Please follow the instructions very carefully when testing your child.
4. Is your child anxious or hesitant? Please talk to the child about any concerns. Explain the test and show him or her the test materials. Most children are curious and want to cooperate.
5. However, don't worry if the child refuses to be tested. Choose a promising moment for the first try. If it doesn't work out this time, maybe the child will agree to be tested another time.
6. You and your child will decide which days in the week the tests are done on.
7. What if a test result is positive? In this case please read and comply with the corresponding info sheet, available using the following link: [What to do in case of a positive COVID-19 antigen self-test result](#)
8. Please inform your daycare centre without delay in case of a positive test result!

We wish you every success and would like to express our warmest thanks for your cooperation