



# SHIELD ILLINOIS

## PROTECT YOUR SCHOOLS TODAY

SHIELD Illinois is a COVID-19 screening testing program and infrastructure that uses the University of Illinois' innovative saliva test to help your K-12 schools operate safely.



### FREE/LOW COST

The SHIELD Illinois test is free to 75% of Illinois K-12 schools, and \$10/test for remaining schools through an agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health.



### FAST RESULTS

School districts and IDPH will receive test results within 24 hours of samples reaching our lab.



### IDENTIFY INFECTION

SHIELD Illinois' test detects 3 genes of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, allowing it to identify pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic cases, as well as new virus variants.



### EASE OF USE

The saliva-based test is non-invasive and does not need medically trained personnel to collect samples.



### HIGH ACCURACY

In a recent clinical trial, SHIELD Illinois' test had a sensitivity of 96.8% and a specificity of 98.9%.



### LAB NETWORK

SHIELD Illinois has launched a network of high-capacity labs across the state to process test samples and provide fast, accurate results.



### FDA AUTHORIZED

SHIELD Illinois is a PCR screening test that has FDA emergency use authorization, meaning individuals who test positive don't need to seek a second test result.

# RESPONSIBILITIES

### TESTING SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide a designated space for saliva sample collection
- Manage communications around testing requirements, collection process, and results reporting
- Provide a detailed roster compatible with SHIELD Illinois' information management system
- Ensure that all individuals have completed applicable consents or releases

### SHIELD ILLINOIS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage and oversee the SHIELD Illinois network of labs and collection sites to process tests for sponsored group members
- Support a secure information management system for tracking and reporting of results to schools and IDPH
- Provide schools with secure access to their test results through a personalized digital portal
- Provide a collections agency to collect and transport samples to a SHIELD Illinois lab

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