

## Rapid testing for pupils at schools in the Bremen municipality

Dear parents, ladies and gentlemen,

In order to protect against new infections with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus and to help contain the pandemic, from 15 March your child will be offered the option of rapid testing at least once a week. The tests used are those from the *Lepu Medical company (SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Rapid Test Kits)*. These rapid tests can also be used by school personnel starting immediately.

The tests will be carried out in the school and are voluntary and free of charge for the pupils. The pupils will be supported and supervised by their teachers, educators or social education workers. All personnel in the schools will be instructed in advance on how to conduct the tests.

The tests are very easy to use. The test swab is simply rotated a few times within the lower part of the nostril. It is then inserted into a small “pocket” and has a liquid added to it. A result can be seen 15 minutes later at the latest but usually much more quickly.

You can see the testing procedure in more detail in a video provided on our website at [www.bildung.bremen.de](http://www.bildung.bremen.de), for example.

If the test results are positive, the affected child will first be taken out of the group. As parents, you will be informed immediately by the school. The child must then be quarantined at home. In order to clarify the results, as the child’s parents you should then please make an appointment on the same day via the Corona Hotline 0421 361-10100 or [Corona-Schule-Freitestung@bildung.bremen.de](mailto:Corona-Schule-Freitestung@bildung.bremen.de) for a PCR test in the Versorgungszentrum Mitte medical centre.

If this test is also positive, the well-known and usual practices in the case of positive cases in schools will apply in coordination with the Bremen Gesundheitsamt health authority.

A high rate of participation will aid the safety of your children and the entire school community. I would therefore urgently request your support and understanding.

With best regards

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