# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# SECONDARY LEVEL I & COVID-19 PROTECTION FALL 2021

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# WHAT ARE THE CHANGES?

In order to allow you to return to school as "normally" as possible, masks will only be compulsory during the month of September, for students and teachers.

After that, if you wish, you can remove it.

However, be sure to tell your parents or teacher if you have a cold, cough, fever, tiredness... You should then protect others by putting on a mask and staying at home until it passes. And go and take a COVID-19 test!

If several pupils in your class are tested positive for COVID-19 at a given time, a test will be organised in your class to prevent other pupils from becoming ill.

# **HOW WILL TESTING BE CARRIED OUT?**

The test is only done for students who are willing to take it (and parents who also agree).

If you agree and your parents have signed the consent form, the school gives you a small container in which you are asked to spit (you will be shown how). Your classmates take the test at the same time as you.

This test is not painful (no "stick" in your nose or mouth), you are just required to spit into a container

This test will be performed every 5-7 days, until there are no more COVID-19 positive students in the class.

The aim is to protect you, your classmates and your family from COVID-19.

The results of the test will be sent to your parents by SMS.

#### IS IT COMPULSORY?

#### The test is not compulsory.

You are entitled to refuse if you do not want to take the test.

# CAN I CHANGE MY MIND?

If you don't want to take the test in class, you can go to a testing centre or to your doctor's office "as usual".

If you change your mind and want to be tested with your classmates the following times, talk to your parents who will be able to sign the necessary form.

# WHAT CAN I DO WHILE I'M WAITING FOR THE TEST RESULTS?

While you are waiting for the test results, you can go to school if you do not feel sick.

### WHAT IF MY TEST IS POSITIVE?

This means that you have COVID-19. Don't panic, the disease usually passes by itself within a few days.

However, you will have to stay at home and keep as much distance as possible from your family, so that they do not get sick. In principle, you should stay in your room for 10 days.

# WHAT ABOUT THE VACCINE?

As from the age of 12 you may, if you wish, be vaccinated against COVID-19. The vaccine protects you against the disease! It also prevents you from being quarantined after contact with a person carrying the virus. You don't miss school anymore because of COVID-19, you can continue your lessons, you can see your friends, in short, you can have a more normal life. Don't hesitate to discuss this with your family to help you make up your mind!