

## Consent to SARS-CoV-2 Testing and Information Sharing

**Background:** Emerson College has hired the Broad Institute’s laboratory, the Clinical Research Sequencing Platform (CRSP), to provide SARS-CoV-2 testing to its employees. The testing will be coordinated by Tufts Medical Center, Inc. and Tufts Medical Center Physicians Organization, Inc. (collectively, Tufts MC) on land owned by the Trustees of Tufts College (Tufts). Emerson, CRSP, Tufts MC, and Tufts collectively are the “Testing Alliance.” This form explains the SARS-CoV-2 test and who will get your results. The test that you will receive is designed to detect if you have SARS-CoV-2, also known as the “coronavirus.” SARS-CoV-2 is the virus that causes the disease known as COVID-19. The results of this test will **not** tell you if you had the virus in the past or if you have immunity to getting the virus in the future. **It only tests for the presence of the virus in your specimen at the time of the test.** Your specimen will be collected through a process that involves swabbing your nose.

**Records to be Released to and shared among the Testing Alliance:** By signing the below, you authorize Emerson College to release to the Testing Alliance your name, phone number, mailing address, and email address, and Emerson identification number. You are not required to consent to the release of these records. However, if you do not consent, the Testing Alliance will be unable to perform SARS-CoV-2 testing on you.

**Duration of Release:** Emerson College will release your information to the Testing Alliance as needed to perform the testing.

**Purpose of Release:** Your information is being released to the Testing Alliance for the purpose of performing SARS-CoV-2 testing and reporting such results back to you, the health care provider that ordered your test, Emerson College, and where required by law, certain federal, state, or local government agencies.

**Revocability:** You have the right to revoke this consent at any time by delivering a written revocation to Shari Stier, Senior Associate Vice President for Human Resources, at [shari\\_stier@emerson.edu](mailto:shari_stier@emerson.edu).

**Information to be Released by the Testing Alliance:** By signing below, you authorize the Testing Alliance to release the results of your test to you (where permitted by state law) through a web portal or mobile software application. Your results will also be shared with the health care provider who ordered your test. By signing below, you also authorize the Testing Alliance to release your test results to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and certain federal, state, or local government agencies as required by law.

**What to Do After Testing:** If your results are positive, please contact a doctor immediately. Only a doctor can diagnose you with COVID-19 and give you information about what you should do next. Negative results mean that the virus was not detected in your specimen. It is possible for the test to produce an incorrect negative result (called a “false negative”) in some people who have SARS-CoV-2. If you test negative but have symptoms of COVID-19 or concerns about exposure to SARS-CoV-2, contact a doctor to determine if you should be retested or take other actions.

By signing below you agree: (i) that you have read and understand the information in this consent form; (ii) to provide a nasal swab specimen for testing; (iii) to have your specimen tested by CRSP for SARS-CoV-2; (iv) that the Testing Alliance may disclose your test results as outlined in this form; and (v) that your leftover specimen and/or information about you may be used without information that identifies you after the testing is over for analysis in collaboration with a public health authority. You voluntarily agree to this testing for SARS-CoV-2.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_