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Dear Parents,

meanwhile, antigen rapid tests for self-testing purposes are also approved for children under the age of six. Thus, appropriate self-tests are now available for all age groups. This is why the Free State of Bavaria complements its test strategy and enables all families to perform a free-of-charge self-testing of the children who attend a children's day care institutions or children's day care centers twice a week.

Taking the self-test is voluntary. However, we would like to warmly advise you to make use of this free-of-charge offer. As extensive and continuous as possible tests enable a prompt detection of infections and the early interruption of infection chains. With your participation, you will therefore significantly contribute to protecting the health of all families and employees in the children's day care institutions and will thus also ensure the care of your child in a sustainable fashion.

If you want to make use of this offer, you will receive a total of two vouchers from your children's day care institution and/or children's day care center. You will receive those vouchers every five weeks (e.g. voucher 1 on June 7, 2021 and voucher 2 five weeks later on July 12, 2021). With every voucher, you will get ten free-of-charge self-test kits for your child in childcare in any pharmacy of your choice. A voucher consists of two elements. When you hand in the voucher, then one element of the voucher will remain in the pharmacy. The other element of the voucher will be countersigned in the pharmacy. Please return this element to your children's day care institution or children's day care center.

You will get the second voucher from your children's day care institution or children's day care center only as soon as you have returned to first voucher.

You perform the testing of your children at home. In doing so, we recommend a distribution of the two tests as evenly as possible throughout the week (example: test on Monday and Thursday). You don't have to document the test result or present it to the children's day care institution or children's day care center. The execution of the self-tests is not a prerequisite for attending the institution in case of children who are not enrolled in school.

However, please note that the guidelines for children with symptoms of a disease continue to apply unchanged (please compare “Overview regarding the dealing with symptoms of a disease”). In case of symptomatic children or children recovered after a disease, a negative self-test is still insufficient for the (re-) admission to the (day-) care.

Please also note the following advice:
If the self-test of your child should indicate a positive result, you should immediately isolate yourself and your family from other persons. A positive result in the self-test should be confirmed by a PRC-test as soon as possible. Therefore, please promptly set up an appointment for a PCR-test via your family practitioner, the emergency medical service of the Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians under the phone number 116 117 or via the public health department in order to confirm a suspected infection with the coronavirus.

Please make use of this test offer for a save togetherness in the children’s daycare. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Your Department V3 – Children’s Daycare