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To all parents of children in the children's day care institutions or children's day care centers in Bavaria

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Continuation of the Test Concept for Children

Dear Parents,

In our <u>letter to the parents dated July 28, 2021</u> (also available in <u>English</u>, <u>Turkish</u> and <u>simple language</u>), the Minister for Family Affairs Carolina Trautner has informed you that the test concept for children will be continued also in the new kindergarten year.

In the new kindergarten year, you are therefore again able to have authorization vouchers for two tests per week for your children handed out by your day care institution or children's day care center. The new authorization vouchers are valid as of September 1, 2021. With every authorization voucher, you will get ten free-of-charge self-test kits for your child in childcare in any pharmacy of your choice and in an interval of five weeks.

An authorization voucher consists of two elements. When you hand in the voucher, one element of the authorization voucher will remain in the pharmacy. The other element of the authorization 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 next authorization voucher from your children's day care institution or children's day care center. You will get the center only as soon as you have returned to previous authorization voucher. This offer initially applies until December 31, 2021.

The execution of the self-test is voluntary. However, we would like to recommend you warmly 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. In particular, after trips abroad, we kindly ask you to make use of the offer of free-of-charge self-tests.

The testing of your children is performed by you 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 <u>"Overview regarding the dealing with symptoms of a disease"</u>). 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.

If the self-test of your child should indicate a positive result, you should immediately isolate yourself and your family from other persons. Only a PCR-test is able to prove whether there really is an infection. 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.

Dear Parents, it is needless to say that the decision regarding vaccinations is still taken by each person individually but they are the most effective means against the coronavirus. As parents, you are also able to help stop the virus when you get vaccinated. For more detailed information, also in different languages, please refer to the homepage of the Bavarian Ministry of Health: <u>https://www.stmgp.bayern.de/coronavirus/impfung/ichtus-fuer/</u>

Please make use of this test and vaccination offer for a safe togetherness in the children's daycare. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Your Department V3 – Children's Daycare