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Safeguard Surveillance Community:

It has recently come to our attention that there is interest in how Safeguard Surveillance (“Safeguard”) disposes of saliva samples that are processed at our facility.

Proper and prompt disposal of all saliva samples is an important and essential part of Safeguard’s operational framework. Safeguard utilizes the services of Stericycle, Inc. (“Stericycle”) for our specialized waste collection and disposal. Stericycle is one of the leading biohazardous and medical waste disposal services in the Midwest and is utilized by many universities and medical facilities. Stericycle is the sole servicer that Safeguard contracts with for the collection and disposal of all saliva samples at our facility. Saliva samples are not transferred to any other party besides Stericycle and our contract with Stericycle is for **disposal only and not for any other use of saliva samples**.

Furthermore, privacy and confidentiality are of the utmost importance to us. We require that all entities (including all schools and school districts) that utilize our service create their own tracking log matching barcodes with the identity of each surveillance participant. Our contract provides that the schools and school districts shall **never** share with, deliver, show or email to Safeguard such tracking log that matches barcodes with the identity of a surveillance participant. Under **NO** circumstance shall anyone using Safeguard’s services provide Safeguard with the identities, names, or other information concerning any of the individual surveillance participants. Other than barcodes placed on the testing tubes, your school and school district shall **NEVER** send Safeguard any information concerning or otherwise identifying any surveillance participant.

As a family owned and operated business, we appreciate the concerns of our fellow parent-community members. Our mission is to provide a safe, non-intrusive means for Covid-19 surveillance as an additional layer of mitigation to school communities. Together, we can get through the days ahead knowing we are taking extra steps to protect our most precious resource; our children.

Thank you for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,
Safeguard Surveillance