

TESTING PHASE

AN OVERVIEW

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Target Population

Two populations – Maltese and Sicilian:

- **Maltese students aged between 12 years and 18 years**
- **Sicilian adults**
 - Demographics
 - Feasibility of a screening program
 - Cost-Benefit analysis
 - Assess familial relationship patterns
 - Data collection for computer decision support system



Reaching out

- Reaching the child through his/her school –
 - Support by the Education Department
 - Support by Private and Church Schools
 - School Management – key role in reaching students
- Routes to achieve Public Awareness
 - Information campaigns
 - Social Media and School Portal
 - Parents' information document with link to online registration (including GDPR Consent Form and Questionnaire)



Consent

- Voluntary participation & GDPR consent forms
- Key role of the school co-ordination
 - **Send out information document via email to parents/guardians**
 - **Agree testing date**
 - **Facilitate testing phase**
- Target testing period
 - **April-June 2023**



Testing day – Brief

- Trained staff visit school
- Child's Candidate Number and name checked and confirmed with school co-ordinating person
- Estimated contact time with the child is about 2-3 minutes – collection time of blood specimen
- Data input and interpretation of point of care result



Point of Care Test

- Stages

- Sample collection – Child interaction sta

- Spring loaded lancet – relatively painless
 - Collection of a small blood sample
 - Child returns to class



- Mixing of blood sample with special solution
 - Inoculation of the Point of Care Test
 - Timing and interpretation of result + photographic evidence



Follow-Up

- Medical team
 - Audit of data input and result interpretation
 - Negative result : Email sent to parent/guardian
 - Positive result : Database query and patient recall
 - Offer for further testing – Parental decision (voluntary)



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