

Information to guardians/students in connection with the start of school

## **In connection with the start of school – the importance of a valid e-identification**

**The spread of covid-19 will hopefully not be as severe as last spring. You may still need to be tested for covid-19. That is why it is important for you who is 13 or about to turn 13 to obtain an e-identification if you do not already have one. This enables you to use self-testing for covid-19 if necessary.**

Region Värmland offers self-testing for covid-19 to anyone over 6 years of age. Self-testing from the age of 13 requires a valid e-identification for logging in to the e-services on 1177.se. Guardians may not act as representatives for children over the age of 12 for the e-services on 1177.se according to national rules.

It is therefore important for anyone above the age of 13 to have their own e-identification that works as login credentials on 1177.se.

Valid e-identifications for logging in to the e-services are BankID and Freja eID Plus.

**BankID** can be ordered from your bank. The banks have different age requirements, but if you are under 18 you need to have permission from a guardian. Note that the so-called Mobilt SäkerhetsID does not work as a login for the e-services at 1177.se.

**Freja eID Plus** is a free, Swedish e-identification. In order to obtain Freja eID Plus you need to have a smartphone or a tablet, a physical identification, and an email account. When the app has been downloaded and the registration is completed you need to bring your phone and ID to an authorized e-id agent. Anyone under the age of 18 needs to have permission from their guardian.

***Please check that you can log in to 1177.se with you e-identification!***

### **Self-registered test kits**

If there is a spread of infection in the school environment during the autumn, testing in schools may be carried out with the so-called self-registered test kits. Self-registered test kits means that the testing does not need be booked in advance through the e-services at 1177.se. The registration of the test is instead done by the person to be tested through the e-services in conjunction with the self-testing.

Decisions regarding testing for tracing purposes of close contacts is done in consultation between the school and Smittskydd Värmland. The procedure for testing and depositing will be adapted to the situation at hand and may be different in different schools and at different times. The procedure will generally look like this:

- The affected students and staff receive the test kits in school.
- The testing is carried out as self-testing at school or at home. Students may need assistance from adults during testing and registration.
- A valid e-identification is required to register the test in the e-services at 1177.se.
- The school collects completed tests for further distribution to analysis.
- The test results are displayed in the e-services on the website 1177.se.

## **Questions and answers about e-identification for self-testing**

### **Why are guardians not able to log in with their own e-identification to book appointments for children ages 13-17?**

Guardians may see their child's medical record and carry out errands until the child is 13 years old. Due to reasons of privacy, it is then up to the young person themselves at that age to log in with their own e-identification to use the e-services. Anyone over the age of 16 may also read their own medical record.

### **Why is it necessary to get an e-identification even before the child becomes ill?**

The person applying is often required to be physically present at the bank or the e-ID agent to obtain the e-identification. A person showing symptoms that could be a sign of covid-19 is not allowed to meet other people.

### **What else can a young person do with their e-identification?**

The e-services at the website of 1177.se provide young people with services such as getting contact with a youth guidance centre, booking appointments, refilling prescriptions, and ordering a chlamydia test. There are also other government agencies where they can identify themselves with an e-identification. BankID makes it possible to do bank errands.

### **Is there not a risk that young people might use the e-identification for things such as online shopping?**

Freja e-ID Plus does not work for shopping but only for services at municipalities, regions, and government agencies. People under the age of 18 are generally not able to enter into contracts or buy things without the permission of a guardian.

### **Is the young person able to have their e-identification in the guardian's mobile phone or in a shared tablet?**

It could be possible under certain circumstances, but every person needs to log in with their own code. Consult the young person's bank about this.

### **If the young person did not have time to obtain an e-identification before they became ill – what then?**

In this case you need to contact their local health care center for testing there.