

“Test To Stay” FAQ

THE TEST

What is “Test to Stay?”

When an individual school reaches their COVID case threshold, the school would implement COVID-19 rapid antigen testing of all **asymptomatic** students and staff in order to remain fully open.

- Schools who have at least 70% of their student population tested, will be permitted to remain fully open.
- Individuals who test **negative** will be permitted to attend in person school.
- Those who test **positive** OR **choose not to test** will then be placed on virtual (remote) learning for a minimum of ten days.
- All tests will require parent permission. All tests are no charge to students and staff.

When does isolation begin for a positive COVID-19 case?

Isolation begins on the day of the positive test.

What if an individual is symptomatic? Can they be tested at the school?

No, please schedule symptomatic testing at one of the other state locations.

Will elementary students be tested?

No plans are created to test elementary students. However, individual classes with 3+ case counts, may be considered for “Test to Stay.”

I’m concerned how my student will respond to testing because of diagnosed medical concerns. Will my student have to be tested?

Please talk to your school administrator if you have specific concerns about testing.

How will testing be conducted?

Students will be tested during the school day for all who have a parental permission form. Schools will create procedures for secure testing areas.

What if an individual has already recovered from COVID?

If an individual already has recovered from COVID, has their COVID clearance waiver, and is within the 90 day window, another test will not be needed. Please make sure to bring documentation to the nurses at the time of school testing.

If an individual tests positive at school with a rapid antigen test, could they be retested?

Yes, an individual could schedule a PCR test at a state testing location within 48 hours of the rapid antigen school test. The PCR test result is final and will override the school rapid result test.

At school, will there be quarantining of individuals who had close contact with positive cases?

If both individuals wore face coverings, quarantining will **NOT** be required; however, closer monitoring for symptoms is advised. NOTE: This change only applies to at-school exposure; quarantining would still be needed for out of school exposure.

Will there be contact tracing of individuals who had close contact with positive cases?

Yes, contact tracing will continue and notifications given in order to make individuals aware to more closely monitor for symptoms.

LEARNING

Why move to “Test to Stay” instead of the “Alternating Day Schedule?”

Our goal is to continue in person instruction as much as possible. On the alternating day schedule, students only attend two days per week and only see A/B schedule teachers one day per week. The “Test to Stay” option allows for all students to attend, Monday through Friday.

When would the “Alternating Day Schedule” be implemented?

If a school CANNOT conduct the testing due to the age of the students (elementary) or because of lack of testing supplies or the staff to administer testing. In these instances, we would utilize the “alternating day schedule” as an alternative before a school would be placed completely on virtual (remote) learning.

What is virtual learning?

Virtual learning is when all instruction and assignments are given and received online through Canvas. Teachers will still be available for consultation and offer small group instruction opportunities through Zoom when needed. A student’s current classroom teacher will transition to fully online for a minimum of ten days. Students who don’t test or who test positive will be placed on virtual learning OR if the test rate is less than 70%, the entire school will be placed on virtual learning.

Will virtual learning students still receive services?

Individualized Education Program (IEP) and 504 Plans will be met.

TEST TO PLAY

How is “Test to Play” different from “Test to Stay?”

“Test to Play” refers to the testing done every two weeks for student-athletes, certain other extracurricular activities, and the coaches/advisors. Each high school conducts these tests to participants of these activities every two weeks.

What if an individual has recently tested negative from another testing location?

If an individual was tested at the school through “Test to Play,” this test can be used; however, if a test was done outside of the district, the individual will need to be retested at the school location.

Can an extracurricular participant be quarantined due to exposure to another extracurricular participant?

If both participants were wearing face coverings, quarantining is NOT required; however, if one or both of the participants were not wearing face coverings, quarantining **IS** required.