



Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

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Dear Marauder Families:

I wanted to take a moment to clear up any confusion surrounding our “test to stay in school” [protocols](#) that were issued last week.

For those families that have a student deemed a close contact in school or through school sponsored events, parents **may choose** to have their children [tested to remain in school](#). Testing is not required nor are we testing all students at random - parental consent is required. **Please note that starting this morning, all student testing will be conducted by our licensed school nurse, Melissa Jones along with our CCRESA nurse, Leeann Huff, at one central location - the High School Auxiliary Gymnasium.** This went very smoothly this morning and we appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

These testing protocols are only for students who have been deemed close contacts in school or at school-sponsored events and would like to test throughout their anticipated quarantine period. Students who are deemed close contacts outside of school or may be a household member of a person that is positive, must follow the Health Department’s guidance on quarantine. Ovid-Elsie Area Schools cannot provide these same testing protocols to students who have tested positive or have been deemed a close contact outside of school.

Our testing protocols have demonstrated to be successful. For those of you who **have chosen** this route, we will continue this method of testing to do our best to keep healthy children in school.

Educationally yours,

Dr. Ryan L. Cunningham, Superintendent, Ovid-Elsie Area Schools