

USD 284 Chase County Test to Stay and Learn/Play

COVID 19 rapid antigen tests are available as part of the Test to Know Strategy. The other strategy available to students and staff is the Test to Stay to Learn/Play Strategy. A parent must grant permission for a student to be tested in either strategy. The Abbott Binax Now test (provided by KDHE) will be used (currently) for both testing strategies; we will also have rapid PCR tests available as needed.

Under the Stay to Learn/Play testing strategy, quarantined students or staff members may choose to test on a daily basis (before coming into the school building) during the quarantine period. If the test results are negative, the student/staff member can come into the school and stay to learn and/or play for the day. The specifics are outlined below. Failure to follow the guidelines below will result in the student being unable to participate in Stay to Learn/Play.

POSITIVE CASES: All positive cases will be required to follow the Chase County Health Department's (CCHD) guidelines for a 10-day isolation period and will not be able to participate in this program.

CLOSE CONTACTS:

Close contacts are defined as someone who was less than 6 feet for 10 or more minutes (within the 24 hour period). Close contacts should quarantine for 10 days according to the Chase County Health Department. The final decision on what constitutes close contact is made at the discretion of the CCHD.

TESTS: The antigen test provided by KDHE for the program involves using a cotton swab that is inserted into the nostril area. This is not the test that requires the swab to go deep into the nasal cavity. Test results are available in approximately 15-20 minutes. The rapid PCR test also requires a swab inserted into the nostril area; it may or may not be the test that has to go deep into the nostril, depending on availability.

TEST TO STAY and LEARN/PLAY:

Who CAN Participate:

Students who have been placed in quarantine under one of the following:

CLOSE CONTACTS due to SCHOOL EXPOSURE - When approved by the CCHD, students/athletes/staff may continue to come to school if they choose to participate in the Stay to Learn/Play program.

CLOSE CONTACTS due to a HOUSEHOLD CONTACT or SOCIAL CONTACT: The CCHD must determine when a household or social contact is able to participate in the program. When deemed eligible, these close contacts must take a rapid PCR test the day prior to starting the daily testing at the school or will go through a process determined by the CCHD. If interested, please contact Amber Schlub, USD 284 nurse. Amber will then contact the CCHD, who will determine the steps necessary to begin testing. This process can take up to one day. The school will contact you about the determination.

Participants MUST:

Each participant must be symptom-free and must test negative daily in order to enter the school. Testing location and times are listed below. If the test is negative, the

student/athlete/staff member **MUST CORRECTLY** wear a mask at all times while in the school building, on a school bus, or when not actively participating in a sport. The student/staff member should remain in at-home quarantine during all other times for the duration of their quarantine period. The program only applies to in-person learning and participation in school-sponsored activities. Participants must also follow all guidelines to remain in the program.

SPECIFICS with the TEST TO STAY and LEARN/PLAY:

CONTRACT – A Stay to Learn/Play contract must be signed by both the student and the parent.

MASKS – As stated above, students/athletes/staff members in the program must correctly wear masks at all times while at school and while not actively participating in sports. These masks must completely cover the mouth and nose area. If a student/staff member is unable or unwilling to wear a mask, he/she will be asked to go home and will not be allowed to participate in the program.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – Participants in the program must remain 6 feet away from other students as much as possible.

SYMPTOMS - If a student or staff member has any symptoms, he/she will need to remain at home. If a student/staff member develops symptoms while at school, he/she will need to go home. The option is available for the student/staff member to be tested prior to leaving the building.

TRANSPORTATION – Parents are responsible for transporting students to school each morning and waiting for the test results. Parents are also responsible for transporting a student home after school. Students who are legal drivers may transport themselves to and from school with parents' permission. Students in the Stay to Play program will be allowed to ride the activity bus with their teammates to and from activities/sporting events. Social distancing is encouraged.

LUNCH – Obviously, participants cannot eat while wearing a mask so they will be cohorted and socially distanced.

BAND – Students who are in the Stay to Learn/Play program will not be allowed to play their instrument unless it is in the percussion family.

SPORTS PRACTICE (including cheer and dance) – Athletes participating in the Stay to Learn/Play program can attend practice after testing negative that morning. If practice is held before school starts (early morning practice), the student must test negative before attending the practice so arrangements must be made for an early test (if possible). When the participant athletes are not actively involved in practice, they must be wearing masks and social distance. When actively participating in practice, the athletes are not required to wear masks, but they are **STRONGLY** encouraged to social distance as much as possible.

ACTIVITY PRACTICE – Students involved in non-sport activities can attend practice for activities if they tested negative for that day. Students must wear a mask at all times and social distance.

SPORT GAMES – Athletes will be asked to test again prior to getting on the bus to go to an away game or prior to participating in a home game in any way. Athletes with a negative test can participate in the game, but they must be wearing masks while on the bus and while not actively participating in the game. If the game is on a Saturday, the athlete must test negative prior to getting on the bus to go to an away game or prior to participating in the home game in any way. Students should also social distance as much as possible while on the bus and at the activity. If the student is **NOT** participating in the activity, he/she should **NOT** be at the activity. When not at school/participating in an activity, the student should remain in at-home quarantine for the duration of their quarantine period.

ACTIVITY PERFORMANCE – Prior to participating in an activity performance, the student must test

negative similarly to the athletes in sport games. If the activity is on a Saturday, the student must test negative prior to participating in the activity. When not at school/participating in an approved activity, the student should remain in at-home quarantine for the duration of their quarantine period.

MODIFIED CLASSROOMS – The use of modified classrooms at CCES will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the county health official.

Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the student being sent home and not allowed to participate in the program.

TESTING LOCATION(S) and TIMES

Location: Baseball Field concession stand

Start time: 7:30 am

If parents choose to not have their student/athlete participate in the Stay to Learn/Play testing program,

1. The student will be sent home to quarantine for 10 days
2. The school will communicate with the parent and student about where/how the student can get the school work he/she is missing.