

TEST TO STAY PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS

Your child qualifies for the Lee County School System “Test to Stay” program. This program will allow your child to come to school daily but will require them to be tested by school personnel each day before they enter the classroom. Testing will occur for 7 calendar days after your child’s identified school exposure to COVID-19.

Current recommendations for the Test to Stay program from the Department for Public Health allow a Test to Stay model to be implemented as long as universal masking is in place.

To be eligible for the Test to Stay modified quarantine, the student must:

- Be given parent permission to participate in the program and be tested daily.
- Be entirely asymptomatic, without any signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- Wear a mask indoors while at school for the entirety of the program, even if all test results are negative.
- Have been exposed to the person with COVID-19 at school only. This strategy applies to school related exposures only and is not applicable to exposures that occur outside of school or in the community (e.g., in a household, sports teams, social activity). For example, an unvaccinated student who is a household member of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 is not eligible for the Test to Stay modified quarantine; AND
- **Quarantine when not at school. When not at school, the exposed student must stay home and refrain from all extracurricular activities, including sports and other activities in the community setting.**

Testing Protocol:

- Testing will occur at the school. Students in the Test to Stay program will get their breakfast and then go to the gymnasium where the school nurse will test them daily with rapid antigen tests provided by Wild Health. Students will remain in the gym where they will be allowed to eat breakfast while test results are determined.
- Tests will be performed for 7 calendar days after exposure. Weekends will be counted in the 7 days but tests will not be performed if we are not in school.
- If a test result is positive, the individual will be sent home immediately.
- Where possible, students should be transported to school by family. However, students will be allowed to ride the bus if that is their only means of transportation to school.
- Symptom screenings, such as taking temperatures, of students in the test to stay program will also take place daily.
- Students who refuse to receive their scheduled testing will be sent home from school to quarantine and follow standard quarantine procedures.

If you want your child to participate in the Test to Stay program you will be required to sign a Wild Health permission form for routine screenings.