

# *South Lewis Central School District*

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Dear South Lewis School Community:

Recently Governor Hochul announced the distribution of at-home COVID test kits to school districts across New York State. We have been informed that we should receive approximately one test kit per student. The purpose of these kits would be to allow access to testing for children whose families choose to utilize them.

We expect these at-home COVID test kits to arrive in District in the next day or two. They will be available through each school's nurse's office. Should a family want a test kit, please reach out to the appropriate school building nurse.

- Elementary School: Heather LeVan @ 315-348-2625
- Middle School: Brittany Salmon @ 315-348-2578
- High School: Kelly Mear @ 315-348-2525

These at-home COVID test kits will be limited to one-test kit per student through the end of this week. After this week the remaining supply will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis in cooperation with the school nurses based on need. Please note that there is no requirement for families to utilize these test kits. Additionally, while the district will be making these test kits available to families for their children, we will not be tracking the results. Rather, families who utilized the tests kits and have a child with a COVID+ test should report the case to Lewis County Public Health @ 315-376-5453 and follow all isolation/quarantine orders.

Additionally, while we have yet to receive updated school guidance regarding quarantine/isolation, the CDC has announced a shortened five-day quarantine/isolation period for select cases. Lastly, NYS has been promoting the implementation of a Test-to-Stay (TTS) program for students and staff in schools. Lewis County is currently in the process of considering the parameters and viability of implementation for such a program. We hope to have more information about these two items in the future.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to navigate the many complications and challenges created by this pandemic. May you all have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Douglas Premo  
Superintendent of Schools