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**TO:** Mound City R-2 Parents/Guardians  
**FROM:** Mr. Korey Miles  
**DATE:** January 6, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** CLARIFICATION – TEST TO STAY OPTION (COVID-19)

Now that school has started back up for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, I wanted to clarify a few items in regards to the Test To Stay process. The purpose of the Test To Stay Option is to allow parents to continue to send their student to school if they are a close contact to a positive case in the school setting as long as they are asymptomatic and have a negative test. Here is how the process works:

- If a student or teacher at Mound City R-2 tests positive for COVID-19, we would contact trace to determine close contacts to that individual. The students or teachers that are deemed close contacts can get tested in our building 3 times during the quarantine period (as long as asymptomatic) and as long as the test comes back negative, the student or teacher can stay in school while appropriately wearing a mask during the quarantine period. If the individual has an activity/game during this time, they would have to test on that day in addition to the routine testing days.
- Properly signed permission slip on file in the High School or Elementary/Middle School Office. If the student does not have a permission slip on file, they will be in quarantine and not allowed to return to school until their designated time frame has expired.
- The test is a nostril swab that then gets placed into a solution. Results are given within 15 minutes. If student is negative they may go to class with mask appropriately worn, if it is positive they get sent home.
- We would test school close contacts only, no home close contacts.
- School Nurse and Administrators will be trained in how to properly administer the test.

If a student does not feel well or begins to show symptoms, we will send the student to see the nurse and/or call the parents. We will not be testing students here at Mound City R-2 to determine if they have COVID-19. Our tests are only used for close contacts to determine if they can stay in school. Parents will be given the option to quarantine the student at home and use virtual instruction, or use the Test To Stay Option for their student to stay in school.

Guidelines and Recommendations are constantly changing, but we are trying our best to provide an opportunity for students to receive in-person instruction as long as they are asymptomatic and have a negative test. We feel this is a great option to do so. Thank you!