



January 10, 2022

Dear Greenville Families and Staff,

With the remaining at-home test kits and more tests scheduled to arrive, the District is equipped with the testing capacity to begin point of care testing. **Point of care testing** is for students and employees who begin displaying COVID-19 symptoms while on campus. Point of care testing is conducted using rapid molecular testing and/or a rapid antigen test.

General **surveillance testing** is used to detect asymptomatic COVID-19 infections in unvaccinated students and staff using a rapid antigen test. We are still waiting for the testing capacity to begin surveillance testing beyond the weekly tests that we currently perform on our athletes.

In the case of a student or staff member who begins presenting with symptoms while at school, these tests will provide a quick result in 15 minutes. Staff and students should not report to campus if already experiencing symptoms, instead they should seek testing from their healthcare provider or at a testing site.

Test to Stay - Still under review with Greene County Department of Health
[testtostay-memo 12-23-21.pdf](#)

If our county health department adopts Test-To-Stay, any asymptomatic unvaccinated school-based close contacts (e.g. students, teachers, school staff) can avoid school exclusion (but not other restrictions of quarantine) by testing negative through serial testing using rapid antigen tests during a set period of time following exposure.

We are asking parents and guardians to please indicate their consent for these various COVID tests via the linked [google survey](#). You may consent to one, two, all three or none at all. Please complete the [form](#) by January 18, 2022. If you would like a printed copy of the consent form, please contact any main office. Members of our school staff, along with Questar III BOCES nurses, will oversee all testing, which involves gently swabbing the inner part of the lower nostril.

Regular testing will help protect everyone against COVID-19. Thank you for your continued flexibility, resilience, and patience as we work together to mitigate the spread of this virus.

Sincerely,

Tammy J. Sutherland
Superintendent of Schools