

# Westfield Academy & Central School

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## **COVID-19 Test to Stay Option for School Contacts**

Test to Stay (TTS) is a modified, test-based protocol for asymptomatic (no symptoms of COVID -19) Pre K-12 students and staff who have been identified as close contacts to someone with COVID-19. TTS allows eligible quarantined individuals to attend school during the normal instructional day and is recognized by both the Chautauqua County Health Department and New York State Department of Health.

## **Eligible Students and Staff**

- Close contact occurred in the school setting
- ✓ Individual is unvaccinated/not fully vaccinated
- ✓ Individual has no signs or symptoms of COVID-19
- ✓ If under 18, individual has parent/guardian consent to participate in TTS

## **Ineligible Students and Staff**

- **★** Exposure occurred outside of school
- ★ Individual is symptomatic
- ★Individual has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90-days
- ★ Individual is unable to consistently and appropriately wear a mask
- ★ Parent/guardian consent was not received

TTS@westfieldcsd.org

before boarding the bus or

arriving at school.

## **Test to Stay Process:**

The consenting individual will be tested with an FDA approved test two times during the 5 days following exposure. One test must be on day 5 of quarantine.

Students/staff identified during the school day as close contacts will be given the opportunity to test at school, otherwise parents and staff should obtain tests from the school health office through contactless pickup or utilize any FDA approved viral test.

On day 5, students/staff tested at home will need to submit an image of their negative test result to the District email <a href="mailto:TTS@westfieldcsd.org">TTS@westfieldcsd.org</a> with the individual's name and the date.

Email your negative result on day 5 to

## Rules while participating in TTS:

- Parent/Guardian must grant consent for student testing.
- Individuals must adhere to masking guidelines at all time and maintain 6ft of social distancing when unmasked (eating and drinking).
- Individuals must be screened each morning for COVID-19 symptoms. If symptoms develop at any time during the day, the individual must immediately be sent home to quarantine.
- Individuals will quarantine, as per DOH orders, outside of the normal school day and may not participate in extracurricular activities during their TTS period.

## Isolation & Quarantine Update







#### Individuals who test positive for COVID-19

- · must isolate for 5 days
- if symptoms are resolving, then the individual may return to school on day 6\*
  \*Day 0 is the first day of symptom onset. If asymptomatic, day 0 is the day of the positive test



## Children (ages 5-18) who have been exposed and completed the primary vaccine series

- children ages 5-11 do not have to quarantine and may come to school and participate in after-school activities
- children ages 12-18 do not have to quarantine and may come to school. Students
  with two shots of an mRNA (i.e. Pfizer) vaccine within the last 5 months may
  participate in <a href="extra-curricular activities">extra-curricular activities</a>. The booster must have been received at least
  2 weeks before the first date of exposure. If the child's vaccination is beyond 5 months
  and they have not received the booster, they cannot participate in extra-curriculars
  until day 11 and must continue to quarantine outside of school.



## Adults exposed to COVID-19 who have completed the primary vaccine series

- do not have to quarantine
- Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after the receipt of either two doses of the
  Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of Johnson and Johnson vaccine or full course of
  any other recognized vaccine.
- If eligible for the booster, but not yet boosted, adults may not participate in extracurricular activities and must quarantine outside of school



#### Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated

- must quarantine for 5 days
- if symptoms appear, testing is recommended on day 5
- if no symptoms, the individual may return to school on day 6

\*Day 0 is the last day of exposure to a confirmed positive case



Anyone who has had COVID within 90 days is exempt from isolation or quarantine. All COVID positive and exposed individuals must wear a well-fitting mask and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet (including with students and colleagues) at all times upon return to school. If fully vaccinated and symptoms appear, testing is recommended on day 5 after exposure.

## Required documentation to return to school after five days

Complete the affirmation located on the Chautauqua County Department of Health's website: https://chqgov.com/public-health/cc-public-health-covid-19-isolation-and-quarantine-documents \*isolation affirmation for COVID positive individuals, quarantine affirmation for COVID exposure

The affirmation documents noted above must be provided to our health office prior to return to school.

For health/symptom-related questions, please connect with our health office and/or your doctor.