## St. John-Endicott Cooperative Schools Test-to-Stay Protocol

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The Test-to-Stay Protocol and associated modified quarantine apply to the following individuals (students or staff) in all school and non-school situations:

- Individuals between the ages of 5-17 years who have not completed a primary vaccination series.
- Individuals ages 18 or older who completed a primary series of recommended vaccine but have not received a recommended booster shot when eligible
- Individuals who are not vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series

## TEST-TO-STAY PROTOCOL

- Students and staff may continue to attend class and participate in extracurricular activities in a modified quarantine status for 5 days after exposure, with date of exposure as Day 0, if they:
  - Are tested at least twice during the 5 days of quarantine; AND
  - Are asymptomatic; AND
  - O Continue to wear a well-fitting mask when around others; AND
  - O Continue to quarantine from (i.e. not participate in) all social gatherings and community activities. They may participate in extracurricular activities at school, including sports,
- If a student or staff does not test positive for Covid-19 during the 5 days of modified quarantine, they may resume activities, but continue to wear a mask until 10 days after the last close contact
- If an individual tests positive at any time, they must isolate at home and follow Department of Health guidelines
- Students or staff who opt out of testing are <u>not</u> eligible for modified quarantine.
- If students or staff develop symptoms at any time during the quarantine period, they should seek testing and isolate. If it is determined that their symptoms are not Covid-19 related, they may return to class per school guidelines
- Permission is required from parents/guardians for testing
- Testing at school will be performed by the school nurse or designee. Home test results may be considered on a case-by-case basis
- Positive test results will be reported to Whitman County Public Health as required.
- This protocol may be revoked at any time if Covid-19 activity in the community and surrounding area is accelerating and/or if this protocol is abused in any way. The right to revoke is within the jurisdiction of the school administration.

Suzanne Schmick, Superintendent

Approved by Whitman County Public Health

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