

Kenton County School District
 Test to Stay Strategy for Students/Staff

The KCS D, in partnership with Ethos Labs, is implementing a **voluntary** test to stay program allowing unvaccinated students and staff exposed to a COVID-19 positive person ~~in the school setting~~ to continue in-person learning with repeated negative COVID-19 testing. ~~Students participating in the program must continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities. In-person instruction includes riding the bus or carpooling to/from school.~~

Test to Stay eligibility criteria

- Test to Stay will only be used on asymptomatic non-vaccinated individuals identified as close contact to a COVID-19 positive case ~~within the school setting~~
- All individuals &/or the parent/guardian of students identified as close contact to a COVID-19 case in the school setting will be notified of their exposure
- If exposure to a COVID-19 positive non-household member occurs outside of the school setting, the parent/guardian or staff member must notify the school's Health Office staff to determine eligibility
- If exposure to a COVID-19 positive household member occurs, the parent/guardian or staff member must notify the school's Health Office staff to determine eligibility
 - o If the student/staff cannot separate/isolate from the COVID-19 positive person, they will be subject to quarantine per the Northern KY Health Department
- The test will be performed by a trained Ethos Labs staff member, a licensed healthcare provider, or other properly trained unlicensed person.
 - o Capable students able to perform the nasal swab independently may do so with supervision.
- A FDA-approved rapid antigen test to identify SARS-CoV-2 will be done at no cost to the individual after consent from the appropriate person or parent/guardian.
 - o Students age 18 or older can give consent for themselves
 - o Consent will be given through the Ethos Labs website.
 - To register, please visit <https://ethosbacktoschool.com/>
 - Registering before the need for testing arises will greatly improve the effectiveness of this program
 - Opting out of the program is available at any time by revisiting the Ethos Labs website
- Unvaccinated students, teachers, or staff who are identified as exposed close contacts will be instructed to either:
 - o Self-quarantine away from school following CDC and NKY Health Dept guidelines OR
 - o Participate in the Test to Stay program.
- To be eligible for the Test to Stay program, the individual must:
 - o Be entirely asymptomatic, without any signs or [symptoms of COVID-19](#)
 - o Wear a mask indoors when at school for the entirety of the program, even if all test results are negative.

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- o ~~Have been exposed to the person with COVID-19 at school only.~~ This strategy applies to ~~in-school-related exposures only~~ and is not applicable to exposures that occur outside of school, during extra-curricular events or in the community (e.g., in a household).
- o **Quarantine when not at school or CO/Extra-Curricular programs.** When not at school, the exposed individual must stay home and refrain from all extracurricular activities, including sports and other activities in the community setting.
- o If the test to stay program is not agreed to, quarantine guidelines for exposure will be followed as directed by the Northern KY Health Department and [Quarantine may be discontinued](#)
 - After day 7 if the individual is symptom-free and receives a negative COVID-19 test 5 days or later after the last date of exposure to the case; or
 - After day 10 without testing if the individual is symptom-free
 - Individuals will be asked to complete [2021-22 COVID-19 Student/Staff Questionnaire](#)

Test to Stay Protocol

The following protocol will be implemented for persons who meet all the eligibility criteria for the Test to Stay program outlined above and who have consented to participate:

- Testing will occur at school and will be initiated as soon as possible after the identified exposure and all subsequent days following the exposure, except for weekends or other days school is not in session, through day 5 after the identified exposure.
- Knowing there may be some delays in identifying exposures and non-school days existing in some exposure timelines, at minimum two days of testing must be done for testing to be discontinued after day 7 of exposure
- Testing will occur at the start of the day
- Negative results will be received before the individual participates further in the school environment
 - o Schools will develop a plan to accommodate students who are tested and awaiting test results
- If a test result is positive, the individual will be sent home to isolate immediately
 - o Positive test results will be reported to NKY Health Dept and individual or parent/guardian will be asked to complete [2021-22 COVID-19 Student/Staff Questionnaire](#)
 - o If a follow up Real-Time RT-PCR SARS-CoV-2 test is done after the antigen test and found to be negative, two negative RT-PCR tests taken 24 hrs apart is required for school re-entry to revise isolation date
- Individuals who refuse to complete the daily testing will be immediately sent home from school to quarantine and follow the standard quarantine procedures outlined above.

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- Each school will track all students/staff participating in Test to Stay program. Up to 5 days of testing with results will be entered and completion of testing cycle will be recognized when complete.

Schools are an essential part of community infrastructure and in-person instruction for K-12 students is a priority for the KCS D. We will continue to follow **review** state and local Health Department guidance and put strategies in place to mitigate the loss of in-person learning. The Test to Stay program is another approach to keep students and staff in school. We appreciate your participation in this Test to Stay program and urge you to register. As always, we respect your decision and appreciate your ongoing support and participation as we strive to accomplish our goal to maintain in-person learning days this school year.

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