

# Test to Stay in School Option

Per the NYS Health Department Test to stay (TTS) is a test-based protocol for PreK-12 students and staff who are identified as close contacts (within 6ft. of a positive person for 15 minutes or more). TTS allows asymptomatic individuals who would normally be quarantined for 5 days to attend school. TTS uses three COVID tests to allow asymptomatic individuals to stay in school, but does not release them from a quarantine outside of school, or allow for extra-curricular activities.

## Q: Can students or staff who are in quarantine test to stay in school?

**A: Yes, Students and staff are eligible for test to stay (TTS) if they meet the following criteria:**



Exposure occurred in the school setting (not for example from a sibling or other family member in the home).

Remain asymptomatic (no signs or symptoms of COVID-19)

Test negative on a COVID 19 test throughout the five day quarantine.

**The parent/guardian of the student must agree to:**

Consent to testing and sharing results with the district.



Test their child at home and send the results to [covidresults@clake.org](mailto:covidresults@clake.org)

Complete the health screening form about signs and symptoms of COVID-19 before arriving at school or boarding a bus).

### Rules while participating in TTS



Students must adhere to masking guidelines and maintain 6ft of distance when unmasked (while eating or drinking).



If signs or symptoms develop at any time, the TTS protocol is stopped, and the individual must return home to finish their quarantine.



Parents will not send children to school should they test positive. Staff will monitor the covid test results email to ensure tests are accounted for.



Per the DOH, students will quarantine at the location specified in their quarantine order when not attending in-school instruction, and **may not participate in extra-curricular activities** during their test to stay period.

### How to get started:

If you would like your child to participate in the Test to Stay protocol, please sign the attached consent form and return to the CLCS Health Office.

### Q: How many tests are needed?

A: Up to three tests are needed. Initial test on day Zero, a mid-way test on day 3, and a final test on day 5. The school has tests for students and staff. Call us to pick one up or make other arrangements. These tests are free. If the actual known time frame of exposure and quarantine is less than four days, only two tests will be given.

### The Test to Stay Process & Calendar

**First:** The individual must have a negative test before leaving school (we will do this at school with your consent) on the first day they were identified as a close contact (Day "zero") **OR** If exposure notification happens after 3:00 PM, the individual must test at home and report results to [covidresults@clake.org](mailto:covidresults@clake.org) prior to the start of the next school day.

**Next:** take another COVID test at home on the third day

**Last:** The final test on day five.

**Test results** (picture of test plus student info) must be emailed to [covidresults@clake.org](mailto:covidresults@clake.org) before the child boards the bus or is dropped off at school.

If email is a problem, call our health office at 716-753-5819 for help.

Test One Date:

Test Two Date:

Last Test Date:

