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Unified School District 289

Test to Learn and Play

Through a partnership with KDHE and the Franklin County Health Department, USD 289 is excited to announce a testing program called "Learn and Play". As we navigate the COVID-19 journey, one of our major focuses as a district is to keep students learning in person and in school. When students are identified as a close contact and are not having any symptoms, quarantine guidelines which include isolation and quarantining, limit a student's ability to attend in person.

One of the concerns we heard most from parents last year was that their student was isolated/quarantined for being a close contact and yet they felt fine and did not have any symptoms. This testing program would allow students to stay in school and still participate in extracurricular activities even after being identified as being a close contact. It provides a way for students to safely continue to attend school and participate in activities while in quarantine, thereby supporting academic success and social/emotional health. **This program is an OPT-IN program and is completely voluntary.**

Through Test to Learn and Play, a student who is identified as a close contact could remain in school and extracurricular activities if they are tested with an antigen test each day for 7 days. The students would be required to wear a mask during the testing period (7 days) as well. The antigen test would be given at school and takes about 15 minutes to receive the result. The test results each day must be negative. If a positive antigen test result occurs, the student would be sent home. The student would schedule a PCR test with FCHD to confirm the antigen test. If the student's PCR test was negative, the student could return to school. If the test was positive, the student would follow the COVID-19 protocol for positive COVID-19 cases. Students in this program actively testing and participating in extracurricular activities would be required to wear a mask when indoors during practice except when this is not feasible due to the nature of the competition.

A video has been created to explain more about this program and can be viewed HERE. If you have additional questions regarding this program, please email them to Covid-19@usd289.org. To participate in the program, students and parents must complete a consent form which can be accessed HERE. The form must be completed, signed, and turned into the office prior to the student participating in the program. We understand that this program may not be desirable for each family, but it is another option that we wanted to provide to families as we navigate the COVID-19 journey together.