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Test to Stay Reminder & Updates - Effective Dec. 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As a reminder, Test to Stay (TTS) is beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

## In Monroe County, TTS is defined as follows:

Students who are *unvaccinated* against COVID-19 and are exposed to COVID-19 may attend in-person classes (instruction/academic periods), even while under mandatory quarantine orders, if the:

- (1) student is symptom free
- (2) school has received parent/guardian consent for the student to undergo daily testing
- (3) student tests negative on each school day for seven (7) days after exposure.

## For families to participate in TTS, the following will need to occur:

- The Monroe County Department of Public Health (MCDOPH) will need to issue a quarantine order for your child.
- Parents/guardians will need to consent to daily rapid antigen testing at school.
  - When a student is **identified by MCDOPH** as subject to quarantine due to exposure to COVID 19, the parent or guardian will be contacted by the school nurse and provided information regarding the Test to Stay option.
  - The parent/guardian must provide consent for TTS. The school nurse will email a consent form that will require the parent or guardian to provide consent by responding via email. The school nurse must be in receipt of this consent permitting daily testing prior to the administration of any testing. The consent will remain on file with the school nurse and can be revoked at any time by the parent or guardian.
  - If a parent or guardian refuses consent for daily testing then the student will remain out of school for the duration of the quarantine order.
- The student will be permitted to take school transportation to/from school, remaining
  masked for the entirety of the ride, but must report to the school health office for daily
  testing directly off the bus upon arrival (prior to going to the classroom). Once in the nurse's
  office the nurse will administer the shallow nasal swab, rapid antigen test.

- Students who test negative will be permitted to report to class, continue their school day.
- Students who test positive will be required to be immediately picked up by parents and returned home for a 10-day isolation pursuant to the MCDOH.
- **UPDATED:** The New York State Department of Health has recently clarified that extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs and other activities taking place after school, evenings or holidays are NOT permitted under TTS.
  - As such, students participating in TTS may only attend instructional/academic periods during the regular school day. They must remain in quarantine at all other times per the DOH.

## For more information, click here to read the updated MCDOPH Test to Stay Q&A.

As always, our priority is to keep our students healthy, safe and engaged in our programming. We are hopeful that the TTS strategy will benefit our students and school community. If you have any questions regarding TTS, please contact Deputy Superintendent Dr. Tanya Wilson-Thevanesan at <a href="mailto:twilsonthevanesan@fairport.org">twilsonthevanesan@fairport.org</a> or Director of Student Services Deborah Miles at <a href="mailto:dmiles@fairport.org">dmiles@fairport.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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