

TEST-TO-STAY PROGRAM TEMPLATE AN ADDENDUM TO THE DISTRICT'S HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 28, 2021

Delaware County has adopted the Test-to-Stay Program to expand our mitigation efforts to support inschool learning. The Test-To-Stay program allows students and staff, who are identified as close contacts in school during COVID-19 contact tracing and are asymptomatic, to continue to remain at school for work and learning. The program permits staff or students not to quarantine from school by taking a routine COVID-19 BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen test over the course of the program. The framework for the Test-to-Stay Program is:



A COVID-19 Strategy to Help **Maintain In-Person Learning**

Test-to-Stay program allows students and staff who are identified as <u>in-school close contacts</u> during COVID-19 contact tracing and are asymptomatic to continue quired to quarantine from school by taking routine COVID-19 rapid antigen tests [BinaxNOW] over the course of ten (10) days. Students and staff will test:



or 2 of Close Contact



Days 3 to 4 of Close Contact Administrator BinaxNow



ys 5 to 7 of Close Contact Administrator BinaxNow

Test-to-Stay Program Highlights ...

- Students & staff remain at school as long as each test returns a negative result.

 Testing shall occur at anytime if COVID-19 symptoms arise in an individual during the first 10 days of close con-

- tact.
 If a positive test occurs, student or staff need to teave school and isolate for 10 days.
 Student and staff shall wear a mask indoors when at school for the entirety of the program, even if all test results are negative.
 If feasible, schools should assess the possibility of an alternate location for meals or increased social distancing in the cafetens for participants in the Test-to-Stay Program.
 For high risk activities (e.g., sports where masks cannot be worn, band with wind instruments, etc.), rapid antigen tests should be administered more frequently (e.g., 24 hour prior to event or daily if at a practice if masks cannot be worn). When on sidelines, students & staff should be masked.
 Test-to-Stay program is OPTIONAL for students, and parent/guardian written permission is required. Parent/guardian may opt to have their child quarantine instead of participating in the Test-to-Stay Program.
 BinaxNow Rapid Antigen Test is administered by a trained proctor.

The following outlines how schools will implement the Test-to-Stay program in the district.

Test-to-Stay Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
Wearing of masks;	When staff or students participate in the Test-to-Stay Program, they will wear a mask indoors during the school day and when participating in extracurricular activities at all times unless otherwise specified in the following areas: Meals
	Recess/Outdoor Play Extracurricular Activities – Sports
	Extracurricular Activities – Clubs



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Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments	Extracurricular Activities – Band Extracurricular Activities – Other Other Accommodations: • The district has adopted the modified quarantined as outlined by the CDC, PA Department of Health, and the Health Department and a Test-to-Stay Program to support in-person learning. The Test-to-Stay Program is in lieu of quarantine. This addendum outlines the mitigation strategies for the Test-to-Stay Program.
Diagnostic and screening testing;	 The district will implement a Test-to-Stay Program. The framework for the Test-to-Stay Program is outlined above. For extracurricular activities or for students where there is a mask exception, the rapid antigen testing protocol maybe more frequent as defined: ✓ Extracurricular Activities – Sports ✓ Extracurricular Activities – Clubs ✓ Extracurricular Activities – Band ✓ Extracurricular Activities – Other ✓ Other Accommodations:
Other mitigation strategies for the Test-to-Stay Program.	

Health and Safety Plan Affirmation Statement

The Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, reviewed and approved the Test-to-Stay
Program as an addendum to the Health and Safety Plan on October 28, 2021.
The plan was approved by a vote of:
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(Signature of Receiver)



The Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors, reviewed the Test-to-Stay Program that will be implemented within the District but did not to take board action on the addendum. Rather, the board supports moving forward with the Test-to-Stay Program.

(Signature of Superintendent)