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Test-to-Stay (TTS) Protocol

Only for District-Deemed Close Contacts Who are Asymptomatic & Unvaccinated

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) adopted the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) requirements regarding the option to Test-to-Stay (TTS) for unvaccinated close contacts (students and staff). TTS has the potential to shorten typical 10-day/5-day quarantine periods. All requirements must be fulfilled by any school district that wishes to implement the Test-to-Stay (TTS) protocol through serial testing using rapid NAAT or antigen tests during a five day period as follows:

- The exposure must have occurred in the school setting.
- The exposed person remains asymptomatic; if the exposed person who is allowed to remain in school through TTS develops symptoms, they must be immediately excluded from school per current school guidance.
- The exposed person is tested **a minimum of two times during the five-day period** following exposure, unless recognition of the exposure is delayed or weekends or school breaks intervene. See minimum testing requirements below.
- The five-day period is measured in calendar days where the last date of exposure is considered day 0. The first test should be done as soon as possible after exposure is identified (i.e., the first day the student is in school after identified exposure). **Please note that the first test must be given within 48 hours of being notified by the District.**

Minimum Testing Cadences		
Day of First Test	Day of Second Test	Day of Third Test
0	2 or 3	5
1	3	5
2	4 or 5	5 (if 2nd test was on day 4)
3	5	NA
4	5	NA
5	NA	NA

This table is intended to be a guide. Adjustments will be made to account for weekends and other non-school days, in which case a test should be conducted on the first school day back and continue thereafter according to the above. The last test should be done on day 5 whenever day 5 is a school day. The district also has the option of conducting additional testing at their discretion (e.g. testing on day 6-7 if day 5 is not a school day).

- Each test must be conducted—and the result received by the school nurse—before the school day begins, and positive individuals excluded/isolated per existing procedures.
- If the test is done in an unmonitored setting (e.g. home using an over-the-counter, or OTC, rapid test), the parent/guardian or staff member must attest to the fact that the test was done correctly, on the correct person, and in accordance with the instructions provided. (Please click [HERE](#) for the Google TTS Attestation Form which must be completed each time an OTC rapid test is conducted and the results are submitted to the school nurse.)
- The exposed person who is allowed to remain in school through TTS must be quarantined outside of school instruction/academic periods (on weekends/holidays when the seven-day TTS period is still active, but no school test is required; after school/evenings; no community activities or extracurricular participation including clubs, sports, arts/performance activities, etc.). **Please note that students participating in TTS are allowed to continue to ride the school bus following all existing guidance, including required masking.**

The Deer Park Union Free School District has adopted the Test-to-Stay (TTS) protocol in accordance with all of the aforementioned requirements.

**For Staff:** An individual who has met the above requirements and opts to participate in the Test-to-Stay protocol must contact Mary Reynolds, District Administrator for Human Resources.

**For Students:** The parent/guardian of a student who has met the above requirements and opts to participate in the Test-to-Stay protocol must submit a request in writing to the building principal who will subsequently provide the parent/guardian with the Google TTS Attestation Form to complete.

Adopted by the Board of Education on: \_\_\_\_\_

