

January 25, 2022

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of the ever-changing landscape revolving around COVID practices, specifically contact tracing, quarantine/isolation practices, and test to stay/play updates.

Effective January 26, 2022, the district will be following the recommendations of the Chautauqua County Health Department in regards to contact tracing. Close contact tracing will occur in areas where students are...

- Unable to mask
- Not able to socially distance if not masked

Examples of such areas here at Frewsburg include athletics, certain special needs classrooms where students cannot reliably wear masks, and our pre-kindergarten classrooms. In all other areas of the district, students are generally socially distanced at least six feet, never less than 3 feet, and are expected to mask, minimizing our need to close contact trace in most situations.

Please be aware that quarantine and isolation periods have been modified as follows:

### Individuals who test positive for COVID-19

- **must isolate for 5 days**
  - if symptoms are resolving, then the individual may return to school on day 6\*
- \*Day 0 is the first day of symptom onset. If asymptomatic, day 0 is the day of the positive test

### Children (ages 5-18) who have been exposed and completed the primary vaccine series

- **do not have to quarantine**
- Students with two shots of an mRNA (i.e. Pfizer) vaccine may come to school and participate in after-school activities

### Adults exposed to COVID-19 who have completed the primary vaccine series

- **do not have to quarantine**
- fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after the receipt of either two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of Johnson and Johnson vaccine or full course of any other recognized vaccine.

### Unvaccinated or Partially Vaccinated

- **must quarantine for 5 days**
- if symptoms appear, testing is recommended on day 5
- if no symptoms, the individual may return to school on day 6

\*Day 0 is the last day of exposure to a confirmed positive case



Anyone who has had COVID within 90 days is exempt from isolation or quarantine. All COVID positive and exposed individuals must wear a well-fitting mask and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet (including with students and colleagues) at all times upon return to school. If fully vaccinated and symptoms appear, testing is recommended on day 5 after exposure. Children who are unable to tolerate a mask should quarantine for 10 days, rather than 5.

Test to Stay/Play (TTS) is another new strategy that our district will be starting on Monday, January 31, 2022. Test to Stay/Play applies only to those individuals who are not vaccinated and have been identified as a close contact in the school setting. Unvaccinated staff/students may test negative two (2) times during the five (5) days following exposure in order to stay in school or to continue to participate in athletics or extracurricular activities. Please find more details in the enclosure.

Just a reminder that the Frewsburg Central School District offers the following testing opportunities for students/staff:

- Testing on Site of Students/Staff who Develop Symptoms During the Day
  - Explicit parental/staff consent obtained prior to testing
  
- Availability of Home Test Kits
  - Request kits using the following link:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecEdZwflYX8lqlwo7HodpT6UDTbGZ3vacq14uwi1vHyOxjJg/viewform>
  
- Voluntary Surveillance Testing of students- (Weekly Pooled Testing)
  - Contact COVID Nurse Jessica Carraher at 716-569-7039 for more information
  
- Test to Stay/Play
  - See enclosure

**Please know that the Frewsburg District does not conduct any testing without explicit parental consent.**

Lastly, the District is aware that the Supreme Court of Nassau County issued a Decision and Order that the New York State Health Code does not afford the Governor and/or the Commissioner of Health the authority to issue a statewide mask mandate. However, the Albany County Supreme Court also issued a ruling to the contrary upholding the authority of the Governor and Department of Health.

The District is researching what these conflicting decisions, along with appeals, will mean. In order to minimize concerns caused by fluctuations in court rulings and appeals, Frewsburg will continue with its current masking practices until we have a more finalized ruling.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and patience while we work through this.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

## Frewsburg Central School District

# TEST TO STAY/PLAY (TTS)

### What is Test to Stay/Play?

Test to Stay/Play is a modified, test-based protocol for unvaccinated PreK-12 students and staff who have been identified as a close contact to someone with COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms. TTS allows eligible quarantined individuals to attend in-person instruction and participate in after school activities.

### What is the eligibility for Test to Stay/Play?

- This is only for unvaccinated students/staff.
- Students/staff must be identified as needing to quarantine by the Department of Health or school contact tracing team.
- Close contact exposure **must** have occurred in the school setting. (Individuals whose households have signs or symptoms of COVID-19 are not eligible for TTS.)
- Students whose parents provide permission for their child to be part of this protocol.

### How Does Test to Stay/Play Work?

- Exposed persons are given an FDA approved test two (2) times during the five (5) days following the exposure.
  - One (1) test must be on day five (5) of quarantine
- Students should be tested prior to the child getting on the bus or leaving for school. If day five (5) falls on a weekend, a test must be given on the next school day.

### Stipulations:

- If a student develops symptoms during this five (5) day quarantine period while in school, they must be picked up promptly from school.
- If a student tests positive, the result must be reported to COVID Nurse Jessica Carraher (716) 569-7039. Do not send your child to school.

### Logistics:

- Parents should obtain tests from the school or utilize an FDA approved viral test obtained from another source.
- More information will be provided, once a student is deemed eligible for TTS.