

January 14, 2022

DKS Parents and Guardians,

Delton Kellogg Schools has implemented a new protocol known as “Test to Stay.” These new protocols were coordinated with our area Health Resource Advocates (HRA) and our School Nurse. These new protocols are in an effort to avoid unnecessary or multiple student quarantines.

What is “TEST TO STAY?”

Students who have been deemed to be in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case at school will be allowed to undergo rapid testing to stay in school. Parents will be notified if their student was deemed to be a close contact and will be given four options.

1. 10-day quarantine at home
2. 5-day quarantine at home, returning on day 6 and wear a mask for days 6-10
3. Test and mask to stay for days 1-6 and wear a mask though day 10.
4. The student is fully vaccinated and will provide proof of vaccination or can show proof of being COVID-19 positive in the past 90 days and are symptom free. No quarantine necessary.

If you consent to option number 3, your student will undergo rapid testing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to stay in school. Students identified as a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case on non-testing days will be required to wear a mask to stay in school and will be tested the next day. Parents will need to bring their student to school on the designated testing days and wait for the test results (the test takes 15 minutes). If your student's test is negative they will be required to wear a mask to go to class. If they test positive they will need to go home.

Testing will take place in each building on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** for any student who we've deemed to be in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case at school. Each building has a designated testing area and time.

High School at 7:15 a.m.  
Elementary School at 7:45 a.m.  
Middle School at 8:15 a.m.

Our Health Resource Advocates (HRA) or our School Nurse may be reaching out to you with questions or you may reach out to them with questions or concerns. Their contact information is listed below.

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