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Test to Stay – Delaware County Schools

NYSDOH supports Test to Stay as a strategy that allows **asymptomatic unvaccinated school-based close contacts** (i.e. students, teachers, other school staff) to avoid school exclusion by testing negative through serial testing using rapid NAAT or antigen tests.

Delaware County Public Health is allowing school districts to implement Test to Stay (TTS).

It is the decision of each individual school district to implement Test to Stay. Some school districts may implement Test to Stay as early as January 10th. Contact your school district to determine whether they will be participating and their start dates.

Test to Stay Highlights

- Test to Stay (TTS) **ONLY applies to individuals in quarantine** (exposed person)
- The **exposure must have occurred in the school setting**
- The exposed person must be asymptomatic
- The exposed person (**person in quarantine**) is only allowed to remain in school through the instructional school day
- This **does NOT** apply to after school/evenings; community activities, extracurricular or athletic participation – the exposed person must be otherwise quarantined outside of the instructional school day
- TTS **does NOT** include close contacts identified for quarantine due to household or community exposure outside of school

If your school district is participating in Test to Stay, and your student was quarantined due to a school exposure, contact your school district for further information and to determine eligibility.

See NYS Test to Stay Update memo: Revised Updated Testing and Quarantine Supplemental Information: [HERE](#)