

Test to Stay (TTS) for Schools

Effective immediately, TTS is allowable for all **asymptomatic unvaccinated school-based contacts in any grade at DCS**. TTS is used to avoid school exclusion by testing negative through serial testing using rapid tests during a five-day period following exposure. TTS only allows for people to remain in school, all other quarantine restrictions are still in place for those exposed. Vaccination and remaining up-to-date on booster shots remains the only solution to eliminate all quarantine restrictions.

Process for Test to Stay:

1. Quarantine must be due to an exposure at school or on school transportation.
2. The exposed person must remain asymptomatic; if the exposed person develops symptoms, they must immediately be excluded from school for the remainder of their quarantine.
3. The school district must have parental permission to test in school. Home testing is also permissible with [this signed attestation](#).
4. 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.
5. The five-day period is measured in calendar days. The first test should be done as soon as possible after exposure is identified, meaning the first day the child is in school after the exposure. The second test should be done approximately 36 hours after the first negative test. Adjustments may be made to account for weekends and other non-school days.
6. The test must be conducted, and the results received, before the school day begins.
7. If the test is done in an unmonitored setting, such as an Over-the-Counter (OTC) test, please follow the OTC test guidance. Parent/Guardian will need to complete the [Affirmation for OTC test use for TTS](#) at minimum.
8. The exposed person who is allowed to remain in school through TTS must be quarantined outside of school instruction/academic periods. This includes weekends/holidays and after school and evenings. The person is not allowed to participate in sports, clubs, arts/performance activities or other community or extracurricular activities. The purpose of TTS is to keep students in school in a safe and controlled manner, so their education is not hindered further by COVID-19.
9. People participating in TTS are allowed to continue to ride the school bus following all existing guidance, including requiring masking.
10. This program is subject to test availability