



# Enterprise School District #21

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OHA and ODE have provided a new test to stay protocol for school districts.

Test to stay allows unvaccinated students and staff to continue to participate in in-person instruction during their quarantine period. This is possible because the risk of transmission is minimized in school settings when required testing is combined with existing health and safety layers including universal masking and physical distancing.

- Test to stay is available only for unvaccinated asymptomatic individuals who were exposed in indoor and outdoor classroom settings during instructional hours (including busing) where masking and distancing rules are being followed.
- Test to stay requires unvaccinated individuals to be tested twice during the 7 days following exposure. First, as soon as the exposure has been identified, with a second test occurring between days 5-7 following the exposure.
- Test to stay is a form of modified quarantine, which allows individuals to attend school during their 7-day quarantine period. However, individuals participating in test to stay are expected to maintain quarantine outside of classroom settings.
- Students and staff participating in test to stay may participate in school-related extracurricular activities during their 7-day quarantine period but must wear a face covering at all times during these activities.

## **Test to stay may not be used following:**

- in-school exposures where students or staff are unmasked
- extracurricular exposures because masking in these settings is optional and the risk of transmission within the cohort is greater, or
- community or in-home exposures.

Test to stay is optional and is offered at no cost to participants. At this time, you may access test to stay with a health care provider. If test to stay is used for a student, then parental consent must be given.

If you are exposed and do not wish to participate in test to stay, you may quarantine for the recommended length of time, which is 10 days, though individuals are permitted to return on day 8 with a negative test on day 7. Also, please remember that shortened quarantine is available for any type of exposure.

If you have questions, please contact Tom Crane