



**Rondout Valley CSD Policy on Test-To-Stay [TTS]**

Rondout Valley CSD will use a Test-To-Stay protocol to enable asymptomatic, unvaccinated individuals to remain in school under the following conditions:

- a) The exposure must have occurred in the school setting and while both the person with COVID-19 (index patient) and exposed person were consistently and properly masked.
- b) The exposed person remains asymptomatic. If the exposed person who is allowed to remain in school through TTS develops symptoms, they must be immediately excluded from school per current school guidance.
- c) 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. **THE INITIAL TEST MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS/CAREGIVERS/STAFF UNDER THE DIRECTION OF OUR SCHOOL NURSE.** Parents/guardians/caregivers must pick-up testing kit. The tests will not be sent home with the student. [Students 18 and older may administer the test themselves under the direction of the school nurse, with parental permission.]
- d) The five-day period is measured in calendar days where the last date of exposure is considered day 0. The first test shall be done as soon as possible after exposure is identified (i.e., the first day the student is in school after identified exposure). The second test needs to be given on days 4 or 5. Parents/guardians/caregivers, and staff members will be given a schedule of when the tests must occur.
- e) Families or staff will not have to pay for test kits. An individual rapid test kit shall be provided to every eligible student or staff member.
- f) If the exposed individual test result is positive, a report must be made to the school nurse **and** directly to the Ulster County Department of Health.
- g) The test must be conducted the days indicated —and the results received—before the school day begins, and positive individuals **MUST** be excluded/isolated per existing procedures. [An email must be sent to the school nurse including the individual's full name and picture of the test result prior to the school day.]
- h) If the test is done in an unmonitored setting (e.g. home using the school provided kit or an over-the-counter [OTC] rapid test), a mechanism must be in place to ensure the test is done correctly, on the correct person, and in accordance with the package insert (which may have an effect on the testing cadence). **This is best accomplished by parents/guardians/caregivers/staff administering the initial test under the direction of the school nurse.** Link to a video demonstrating directions of test administration will be provided.

i) All parties will be made aware that **the exposed person who is allowed to remain in school through TTS must be quarantined outside of school instruction/academic periods (on weekends/holidays when the five-day TTS period is still active**, but no school test is required; after school/evenings; no community activities or extracurricular participation including clubs, sports, arts/performance activities, etc.). Please note that people participating in TTS are allowed to continue to ride the school bus following all existing guidance, including required masking.

**A copy of this policy shall be given to any individual participating in the Test-To-Stay program.**