

Ludlow Independent Schools



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Ludlow Families:

I want to thank you, along with our administrators, teachers, and staff members, for the work you have put into the start of the school year. Our goal as a district is to do everything possible to maintain in-person instruction throughout the school year. We have been working tirelessly to ensure that we are following all mitigation strategies to keep our students safe. Even with the everything in place, we have experienced COVID-19 cases that have resulted in quarantines for some of our families over the past two weeks.

We have a partnership with Gravity Diagnostics to test students so that they may return to school earlier than the 10-day quarantine period. We are currently able to administer a PCR test to a student after their fifth day of exposure. Results are received the next day, which allows students to return after the seventh day of exposure, instead of the tenth day. This strategy has helped, but still requires a substantial quarantine from school.

Starting Wednesday, September 8th, we are transitioning to a “TEST to STAY Program” for students who are exposed. This program, which follows the guidance of the NKY Health Department, would allow a student to attend school even if they have been exposed at school by following the criteria below:

- Show no symptoms
- Wear a mask indoors when at school
- Have been exposed to COVID-19 at school only
- Quarantine when not at school
- Test negative daily during the TEST to STAY Program

The following testing protocol will need to be completed by a student participating in the TEST to STAY Program:

Day	Antigen Test	PCR Test	Result of Test		Stay in School
			Antigen	PCR	
1	✓	✓	Negative		✓
2	✓		Negative	Negative	✓
3	✓		Negative		✓
4	✓		Negative		✓
5	✓	✓	Negative		✓
6	✓		Negative	Negative	✓
7	✓		Negative		✓

If your child is exposed at school, you will be contacted by school personnel to explain the TEST to STAY Program and discuss the location/time your child needs to arrive at school. All testing is done at school and is free to all families.

Students who are fully vaccinated, and show no symptoms, will not need to quarantine or test.

We are hopeful that the TEST to STAY Program will allow us to lessen or eliminate quarantine periods for students as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Mike Borchers, Superintendent