



Updated COVID and Test to Stay Guidance

We will continue to utilize Test to Stay at the following locations:

Testing Sites

Western Hills High School
Collins Lane Elementary
Elkhorn Elementary
Hearn Elementary

Testing Times:

Monday - Friday from 7:15 - 9:30 at each testing site

Who May Test

Test to Stay has been expanded to include teachers, staff, and students. You may also now utilize Test to Stay if you have been exposed to COVID-19 inside OR outside of school.

Quarantine and contact tracing

Individuals do not need to quarantine following at-school exposures to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 if the contact occurred while both were fully masked and they are not experiencing symptoms, but are recommended to be tested 5 - 7 days after a known at-school exposure. Schools should notify families when a possible exposure to COVID-19 occurs in the classroom (masked or unmasked).

Individuals should quarantine following an exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 **occurring outside of school** (household member) for 5 days. These individuals may return to school after 5 days with a negative test and asymptomatic. If these individuals test positive after 5 days and/or are symptomatic, they should quarantine an additional 5 days (10 days total) These individuals may still participate in Test to Stay.

How long are students required to quarantine

Quarantine may be **discontinued after day 5** if the individual is 1.) symptom-free and 2.) receives a negative COVID-19 test on day 5 or later and 3.) is able to wear a well-fitting mask indoors and in public settings. For individuals who choose not to participate in Test to Stay, they will follow the 10 day guidelines to be symptom-free and not receive COVID-19 testing. Students and staff can still utilize the Test to Stay program to participate in the school setting if you are able to fully mask. Test to Stay is not Test to Play.

Masking considerations for quarantine

The guidance provided for the new quarantine guidelines totally revolve around the correct and consistent wearing of masks. If students are gathered and without mask for greater than 15 minutes and less than 6 feet about, they would be required to still quarantine. I.E., lunch, band, sports

Can students do extracurricular activities

If their exposure is during sports, band, choir and or lunch and they are not able to wear a well fitted mask at all times, they can not be excluded from quarantine. They can participate in test to stay

Transportation

Students will be required to be transported to a testing site by a parent or guardian only if directed to quarantine. Those that are just considered exposure and testing is recommended, may ride the school bus.

Registration for Test to Stay

Students will need to register via the student's home school url link provided by MAKO. A student is only required to register one time to participate in Test to Stay.