



NEWLOTHROP AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 13, 2021

Dear Students, Parents, & Staff,

We would like to communicate a few adjustments to our “Test to Stay” protocol moving forward, which will start **October 14th**. First, if any student is deemed a close contact and recommended/required to quarantine, parents will have the opportunity to consent to allow us to do a temperature check and a non-invasive (nasal swab) rapid test immediately after we notify the parent of the students’ close contact status once we receive written consent from the parent/guardian, i.e. an email. If a parent **does not** consent to the immediate testing, the student will need to be picked up from their respective school as soon as possible. The parent/guardian will still have the option for the “Test to Stay” for the proceeding days. These changes will allow our students to stay in school and participate in their extra-curricular activities as long as they have a negative test and wear a mask for the remainder of their quarantine period.

Additionally, we are adjusting our testing windows:

The testing will take place 7:10 a.m.- 7:40 a.m. for Elementary students and 8:10 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. for Jr./Sr. High School students. Parents should still monitor their child closely for symptoms up to 14 days after close contact.

If the rapid test is **positive**, the student would not be allowed to attend school, until a negative PCR test result can be obtained or complete the 10-day isolation period and be symptom free before returning to school.

Also, students and parents will need to wear a mask while testing. Once testing is completed, the student and parent will need to exit the building immediately after testing and wait for the results in their vehicle to lessen the possible exposure. Please do not congregate by the main door after the testing. After 15 minutes proceed to come into the building to check the status of your student’s rapid test.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work through this process, with the ultimate goal of the health of our community and consistency with our children’s education.

Sincerely,

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