

# **Croton-Harmon Union Free School District**



# **Test-to-Stay Plan**

## **December 2021**

Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School (CET)  
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Croton-Harmon High School (CHHS)

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## Croton-Harmon Union Free School District Test-to-Stay Program

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Last week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) communicated an endorsement of a Test-to-Stay (TTS) practice to allow in-person instruction to continue during a quarantine period after exposure to a COVID positive individual. According to the CDC, “Test to Stay (TTS) is a practice consisting of contact tracing and serial testing (testing that is sequentially repeated) to allow close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to continue in-person learning during their quarantine period.”

The Croton-Harmon School District will begin implementing an optional TTS protocol following the Westchester County Department of Health (WCDOH) [guidelines](#). If a parent or guardian chooses to have their child participate, TTS will allow unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students to remain in school after exposure if certain steps are followed.

Here is how Test-to-Stay will be implemented when an unvaccinated student is exposed to, and considered a close contact of, a COVID-19 positive individual:

1. The TTS plan is only available if the district has an adequate number of antigen rapid tests.
2. A student may not take part in the TTS plan if there is a COVID positive case in the home.
3. A student must check for symptoms each day and verify being **asymptomatic** through the LINQ screener.
4. Parent/Guardian must complete the [Test-to-Stay Consent Form](#) prior to test administration.
5. A parent/guardian must accompany the student to the Croton-Harmon TTS testing site at the start of the first and two subsequent school days for a **seven** day period. The parent/guardian must remain with the student until the results are received. If the test is negative, the student can join class for the day. At this time, the district will not accept tests conducted outside of school for the TTS program. Note: If the test is positive, the student must leave school and return home with the parent/guardian and follow the isolation protocols.
6. During the normal quarantine period (10 days from the start of the TTS protocol), the student is not permitted to participate in any extracurricular activities beyond the school day.
7. If the test results are negative on day seven, the student is released from the TTS program for the school day only; however, must maintain quarantine rules **through day 10**. Quarantine from extracurricular activities continues through day 10. Self-monitoring for COVID symptoms needs to continue until day 14.

Again to note, the district can continue the TTS program as long as there are test kits available.

This plan is subject to change should additional information become available in consultation with the WCDOH and our District Physician, Dr. Mier.