



Irvington Union Free School District

Test to Stay Plan Revised January 12, 2022

Effective Monday, January 3, 2021, the Irvington UFSD will begin to implement Test to Stay (TTS). Test to Stay is an option for unvaccinated, asymptomatic students, but not staff members per NYSDOH guidelines, who must quarantine as a result of being identified as a close contact to an individual who is a lab positive case of COVID-19. In TTS, an asymptomatic, unvaccinated student who has to quarantine can participate in rapid antigen testing (RAT) on a daily basis in the District. Students participating in TTS may not ride the bus to school. They must be driven to Dows Lane Elementary School Gymnasium for testing. If a student tests negative, they will be permitted to 1) stay in school that day and 2) will be permitted to ride the school bus home that day. However, students participating in TTS will not be permitted to participate in any extracurricular activities, as per NYSDOH restrictions. Additionally, students will have to participate in TTS for five (5) consecutive days. Testing will be administered by an individual trained to do so.

For a student to participate in TTS, parents must grant consent for the testing to occur at the school using the form linked below.

Important note: TTS will not impact those who are fully vaccinated, as those individuals are already excluded from quarantining so long as they are asymptomatic.

Please read all details below carefully.

TTS Program Details

When will TTS start?

IUFSD will begin the TTS program on Monday, January 3, 2022 for students ONLY, not staff, who are required to quarantine.

Who is Eligible for TTS?

TTS is an option for students who must quarantine due to close contact to a confirmed positive COVID-19 case. To be eligible, students must be asymptomatic. The District will not provide testing for symptomatic individuals who must continue to quarantine at home.

How do I have my child participate in TTS?

When a student is required to quarantine as a result of being identified as a lab positive case of COVID-19, they will be able to participate in TTS. A TTS appointment

window will be made for individuals interested in participating. TTS will be held daily in a central location, the Dows Lane Gymnasium from 6:45 am-7:45 am daily. Students must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

[Parents must grant consent for their child to participate in the TTS program by completing this form.](#) Without such active consent, a student will be required to quarantine if they are determined to be a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

How does TTS affect in-person attendance and participation in other school-sponsored activities?

TTS is designed to allow students to participate with in-person instruction. It does not apply to extra-curricular activities such as athletics, band, chorus, orchestra, and clubs that occur outside of school hours.

Does TTS impact quarantining outside of school?

Students must remain under quarantine for the full 5-day period, while outside of school, and wear a face mask at all times. Thus, the benefits of TTS only apply to daily school attendance.

TTS Program Specifics:

Length of Program:

Students must test every school morning for seven days. If the fifth day falls on a day when school is not in session, testing on the sixth day is required. Individuals who test negative on day five, or later as noted above, no longer have to participate in the testing. However, if they are exposed to another positive case during the TTA period, the individual must restart the seven-day count. Individuals still remain under official quarantine through day five and cannot participate in any non-academic activities. If one does not participate in the TTS program, they will have to quarantine for five days.

Testing Location & Times:

All testing is conducted before school for each student. Individuals must be transported to school on their own--they are not allowed to ride the school bus. Testing will be conducted in the Dows Lane Elementary School Gymnasium daily from 6:45-7:45 am and students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Test of Record:

TTS will utilize IHealth *Rapid Antigen Test*, which is a Rapid Test (not a PCR). This is a lower nasal swab that will deliver results in 10-15 minutes. This test will be considered the final test; subsequent testing will not be allowed to override the original test. Individuals testing positive will be required to leave school promptly and will be kept isolated until departure.

Program Capacity:

As with all operations, there are capacity limits. The District will administer the TTS program until such time it does not have adequate staffing or tests available. Capacity limitations will be evaluated on a weekly basis, and the community will be advised if there are any changes to the program.