**SARATOGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS COVID MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTED by**

**MECHANICVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

1/5/2022

**Positive COVID-19 Test**

**STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE** using any approved form of test (at home test or clinic performed lab-based rapid antigen or PCR test)

* 1. Mandatory Isolation *regardless of vaccination status* [for at least 5 days](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html) from onset of symptoms. Saratoga County requires that [a form for entry into and exit from quarantine](https://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/publichealth/covid19/isoquar/) must be submitted to Saratoga County Public Health.
  2. The student may return on day 6 of quarantining if they are improving/asymptomatic and fever free for at least 24 hours, but must wear a [mask](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html) at all times (other than when eating or drinking) when in public/group settings.
  3. The student may ***not*** return on day 6 if they are still symptomatic or are using medication to reduce fever.

**Symptomatic Testing of Students During the School Day**

**STUDENT IS SYMPTOMATIC During the school day**

* 1. At **school/on school bus -** *Consent to Test is Required*:
     1. ***Student*** – The School Nurse will discuss [symptoms](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) with parents to determine whether:
        1. The child is otherwise fine to stay in school in the assessment of the nurse (e.g., has mild symptoms and is fever free) and therefore may be tested[[1]](#footnote-1) at school with parent permission. A second test will be administered within 24-48 hours.
           1. If the test results are negative, the student may return to class.
           2. If the test result is positive, mandatory isolation is required. See details for **TESTS POSITIVE** above.
        2. The child needs to go home in the assessment of the nurse (e.g., significant cough, fever, and/or sore throat that presents as possible strep) and the parent will be provided a test to use at home. A second test will be administered within 24-48 hours and the parent will have to sign an attestation on the administration of the test.
        3. If test results are negative, the student may return to school if:
           1. The child’s symptoms are improving/resolved,
           2. The child is fever free for 24 hours, **and**
           3. The parent attests[[2]](#footnote-2) to having properly administered the test and recorded the negative result.
        4. If the test result is positive, mandatory isolation is required. See details for **TESTS POSITIVE** above.

**Student is Symptomatic at Home**

Student begins exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms **at home**:

***Student*** – Parents MUST keep children home who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19.. Parents may request a test from the district to be picked up or brought home by a sibling. Two tests within 24-48 hours will need to be administered.

* If the test results are negative, the student may return to school if:
  + - * 1. The child’s symptoms are improving/resolved,
        2. The child is fever free for 24 hours, **and**
        3. The parent attests to having properly administered the test and recorded the negative result.
* If the test results are positive, mandatory isolation is required. See details for **TESTS POSITIVE** above.

**Test to Stay for Non-Vaccinated Students exposed to COVID-19 at School** [Test to Stay Parent Letter.docx.pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nQl3Z-SjKzyTUzohwC6W9GFmNQwD0mFW/view?usp=sharing)

**STUDENT WAS EXPOSED TO A POSITIVE CASE** (**”CLOSE CONTACT”**[[3]](#footnote-3))

* If a student is ***vaccinated and asymptomatic***, they may stay in school.
* If a student is ***unvaccinated and asymptomatic*** was exposed to a positive case in school or on the school bus, they ***may*** be eligible for the NYS Test-to-Stay (TTS) modified quarantine program[[4]](#footnote-4),[[5]](#footnote-5) if allowed by the parent and approved by the district and may remain in school so long as test results are negative and they remain asymptomatic.
* If the student becomes symptomatic, they will no longer be eligible for the TTS program.
* If ineligible for TTS by district or parent determination, the student must quarantine for at least 5 days from date of contact and may return on day 6 so long as they remain asymptomatic.[[6]](#footnote-6)

1. A rapid antigen test will be used. The [tests currently available](https://ihealthlabs.com/) recommend a second test to be performed within 24-48 hours. For districts who are testing using a Limited Laboratory Certificate to test students or staff members, a second test must be performed within 2-48 hours. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The final attestation form will be provided once approved by Saratoga County Public Health and School District Counsel. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. As defined by the CDC. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The [CDC Guidance issued on December 29, 2021](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-contact-tracing/about-quarantine.html) does not allow a test-to-stay model to be utilized whereas [NYS Department of Health (NYS DOH) Guidance](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/12/testtostay-memo_12-23-21.pdf) issued on December 23, 2021 for allows test-to-stay. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. We are awaiting clarification from NYS DOH as to whether their guidance from December 23, 2021 will change. Per *current* NYS Department of Health rules, if a student is in the TTS program, they must continue quarantining outside of the school day (on weekends/holidays; after school/evenings; no community activities or extracurricular participation including clubs, sports, arts/performance activities, etc.). Any testing of students may only be done so with explicit parent permission. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Returning students must have completed the [appropriate form from Saratoga County Public Health](https://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/publichealth/covid19/isoquar/). The [current CDC rules](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html) do not require unvaccinated students to have a negative test to return after 5 days, but this may change. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)