

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Test to Stay (TTS) Program

December 2021

TTS Purpose: *to allow asymptomatic, unvaccinated students who were exposed to COVID-19 to continue in-person learning while in mandatory quarantine.*

TTS Eligibility:

Students will remain in the TTS program while they continue to meet the DOH definition:

- the student is symptom free
- the school has received consent for the student to undergo daily testing, and
- the student tests negative on each school day for seven (7) days after exposure

*Test to Stay process will be discontinued at such a time that student becomes symptomatic or tests positive for COVID-19

TTS Protocols:

- Reporting all COVID-19 test results, including TTS results, to the New York State COVID-19 report card
 - Results will be reported via NYSDOH COVID Dashboard by Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES
 - Daily test tracking sheets will be submitted to designated ECLRS reporter
 - Results will be reported to NYSDOH via ECLRS within 24 hours of testing
 - Parents will be notified of results each day (email or text if negative, called if positive)
- Process to ensure equity so that all students are eligible for TTS
 - TTS will be provided at no cost to all students at their school/program
 - Students will arrive to school via the school bus & will return home via school bus, if negative
 - Students will be tested at their morning location of learning
- Obtaining consent for testing from students' parents/guardians and setting forth process for obtaining such consent
 - Written consent, via email or text
 - Verbal consent from parent documented by tester on consent form
- Designation of individuals who will conduct the testing and individuals who are responsible for reporting test results
 - BOCES 2 nurses (RN's/LPN's)
 - School District's Designated staff

- Contracted Nurse testers
- All test results will be reported to the designated ECLRS reporter by the testing nurse.
- Test to Stay testing will be conducted at school, in designated area as determined by District and/or BOCES 2 Program Nurse. All testing will be performed at school to ensure accuracy
- Testing Process and protocol for addressing results
 - Testing will take place upon student's arrival at school/program
 - Testers will follow **FDA BinaxNow Step by Step Procedures**
 - Student will:
 - Remain in second designated area (TBD) until test results interpreted
 - Receive test results in private

If test result is negative:

Student will go to class

If test result is positive. Tester will:

- Follow current protocol for a positive screen as per established district protocols
 - Escort student to isolation room,
 - Notify Program Nurse if not tester, who will call parent/guardian to pick up student
 - Notify Program Administrator and BOCES 2 COVID Coordinator
 - Testing will be paused at that location until area has been cleaned and disinfected; misting by O&M staff
- Quarantine Requirement: Parents will be informed that an exposed student who is allowed to remain in school through TTS remain quarantined outside of school instruction/academic periods. School-sanctioned activities (sports, clubs, etc.) after school, on weekends, and holidays are **not** permitted.
- Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES will follow local health department on contact tracing outside of school. BOCES 2 COVID Coordinator, Building Administrator and/or designee will initiate contact tracing within the classroom setting. BOCES will collaborate with component districts and local Departments of Public Health when contact tracing involves shared students.