

Galena USD #499: Test to Stay and Learn

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Screening and Vaccinations (Last modified 12.13.21)

- The Test to Stay and Learn plan is a cooperative effort of the school district, Kansas Department of Health and Education (KDHE), the Cherokee County Health Department (CCHD) and Community Health Clinics of Southeast Kansas (CHCSEK) to provide screening tests and access to vaccinations throughout our school community.
- Participants in the Test to Stay and Learn plan (see below) will have access to three different initial screening assessments; an antigen test for COVID and an assessment for Flu A/B. An assessment for Strep A will be provided if the test becomes available to us. PCR tests will also be available for additional screening.
- Tests are available for students and staff wanting to be tested for any reason during school hours.
- Testing before and after school will be available at the nurses offices at the high school and at Spring Grove for any students or staff wanting to be tested for any reason. Testing begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Students/staff may make arrangements with the nurse to remain in their vehicle on the west side of the Gene Russell building and an employee will come test the person in the vehicle.

Isolation for a Positive Case

- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 must be isolated for a minimum of 10 days after the onset of symptoms or after the sample collection for asymptomatic individuals. The individual must be asymptomatic and fever-free for 72 hours without medication prior to ending the isolation period.

Contact Tracing

- Non-Household Contacts: Individuals will be considered a close contact if they are within 6 feet for 10 minutes up to 2 days before symptoms start for an individual who has tested positive or, in the event the individual is asymptomatic, 2 days before the test.
- Household Contacts: Quarantine starts when the household contact is out of isolation or the first day of separating from the household contact. To begin the quarantine period, individuals cannot share any common areas with the individual who has tested positive.

Once the Quarantine Period has started:

- Duration: Asymptomatic students and staff may return to school on day 11 of the quarantine period; or
- With a negative PCR test performed on or after day 6, asymptomatic students and staff may return to school as early as day 8.
 - Individuals must remain in quarantine until results are received.
 - These individuals can be tested at the school and must be isolated from students and staff (6ft) while waiting on test results. Individuals can also wait in their car until the test is complete.

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- These quarantine measures are specific to the school setting and do not apply to other settings

Exceptions to quarantine:

- Vaccinated individuals (2 weeks after their final dose) do not have to quarantine if they are exposed and are asymptomatic
 - Proof of completed vaccination is required
 - Due to the possibility of vaccinated individuals testing positive, a COVID test is recommended on days 3-5 and 7-9.
- If the person has proof they have had COVID (documentation of positive test) they are considered immune for 6 months and do not have to quarantine if they are exposed in that time frame and are asymptomatic.
- *Mask on mask exposures do not have to be quarantined if both parties were wearing masks correctly when one exposed the other. (Masks are required for Individuals using school transportation)****

Test to Stay and Learn plan:

Individuals participating in the Test to Stay and Learn plan who have been identified as a close contact may continue to participate in activities during the quarantine period in-person under the following conditions...

- Parental Consent for student participation in the plan has been given
- Individuals are asymptomatic.
- Individuals test daily.
 - Testing before and after school will be available at the nurses offices at the high school and at Spring Grove for any students or staff wanting to be tested for any reason. Testing begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m.
 - Students/staff may make arrangements with the nurse to remain in their vehicle on the west side of the Gene Russell building and an employee will come test the person in the vehicle.
 - The test results are given within 15 min of the test.
- Daily test results are negative.
- Individuals must wear a mask while indoors during the quarantine period.
- Individuals do NOT utilize school provided transportation during the quarantine period
- Additional attention to all COVID mitigation strategies will be given while individuals are onsite during the quarantine period.
- If the close contact tests positive, they will isolate per the positive case protocols.
- The local health department will determine if symptomatic close contacts may continue in-person learning if negative.