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TO: PENNCREST Students, Families and Staff

FROM: Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool

DATE: October 14, 2021

RE: COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test update

This morning PENNCREST adminstration spoke with the PA DoH officials to obtain additional clarity regarding a close contact's ability to test out of quarantine. *As of today, PENNCREST will accept a negative rapid antigen test from a healthcare facility that was ordered by a medical provider, for early release from quarantine. The test must be administered on or after the 5th day of quarantine. Students or staff who produce a negative result may return on day 8, provided they are symptom free.

The district strongly encourages all students and staff to follow PA DoH quarantine guidelines and monitor for symptoms. Symptoms of Covid-19 may include fever or chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, or new loss of taste or smell. We strongly recommend that parents contact health care professionals if demonstrating any of the signs or symptoms outlined above.

*Please refer to the following documents for current guidance:

PA DoH Quarantine Guidance (3/26/21)
PA DoH HAN 2021-601 (10/1/21)

