



Greetings, Lamoille North Families and Staff:

As you know, our schools have been shifting gears from contact tracing and PCR surveillance testing to rapid-antigen tests, which will be distributed to staff and households, so that staff and families can test at home. Our schools will notify staff, students and families when there is a positive COVID-19 case in their class. All classmates are now considered “presumptive contacts.” School notifications will include testing protocols as provided yesterday by the Vermont Agency of Education (VTAOE) and Department of Health (VTDOH). Please click [HERE](#) for a detailed flowchart.

Students and staff who are presumptive contacts may pick up take-home antigen test kits from their schools. These tests will be distributed based on the winter guidance provided by the VTAOE and VTDOH, which may be refined further over the coming weeks. We will distribute and make maximum use of supplies. We also anticipate having a supply of LAMP tests for school use. These tests are as accurate as a PCR test, but provide same-day results.

Instructions on how to use the take-home antigen tests can be found on the VTDOH by clicking [HERE](#). If your child’s test comes back as positive, please report this on the VTDOH website by clicking [HERE](#).

Students and staff should not be attending school if they have any symptoms associated with COVID-19. If staff or students become symptomatic at school, they can go to their school nurse for assessment and possible testing. Parent and/or guardian consent is required for onsite testing.

Should you have any questions about distribution of test kits, please contact your school nurse.

Best regards,

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