

TEST-TO-STAY POLICY, QUALIFICATIONS, & PROCEDURES

General Information:

Aidan will be implementing a **Test-to-Stay (TTS) policy**. This only applies to unvaccinated and partially-vaccinated individuals, as fully vaccinated students are not required to quarantine after exposure, unless symptomatic. This approach increases the amount of time students have in school. We, along with the DC DOH, are prioritizing in-person learning over extracurricular activities.

These are the qualifications for Test-to-Stay and what to do if your child does not qualify:

Children who qualify for Test-to-Stay must:

- Come to school and go home at their class' dismissal times (**No ASP or any additional extracurricular activities or playdates**)
- Test immediately after finding out they were exposed, and again before 7:30 AM on days 3, 5, and 7 after exposure;
- Stay distant from other community members during times when their mask must be removed;
- Stay home and isolate if they become symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19.

Test-to-Stay Procedures:

1. Test your child immediately (within 24 hours after exposure), and then again in the mornings of day 3, 5, & 7 after exposure.
2. If using a home rapid test, mark your test with the date and students initials.
3. Take a picture of the test, with the markings, after waiting the full 15 minutes for it to result.
4. Send the picture to [Nurse Lexi](#) via email before 7:30 AM.

Test Results:

If the test is negative, your child is eligible to attend school. After day 7 of receiving negative test results, the child is able to resume normal extracurricular activities and ASP on day 8.

If the test is positive, your child is not eligible to attend school. Please fill out COVID-19 Reporting form as soon as possible, and alert Nurse Lexi.

If someone who is participating in the TTS program tests positive for one of their morning tests, the days for close contacts to be tested will start again. For example, if one child participating in TTS test positive on their day 5 morning test, the close contacts of that child will begin again with the 'immediate' test, then day 3, 5, & 7. This could happen multiple times if more children become positive during their morning tests.

This might also lead to students not being eligible for TTS and having to stay home to quarantine due to their close contact being mask-less or outside of school activities.

If the results come back positive, and the person is asymptomatic, the isolation period clock restarts and they will have to quarantine for an additional 7-10 days.

If the person becomes symptomatic, the isolation period clock restarts and they will need to be retested and quarantined for an additional amount of time.

What Type of Test To Use:

For "Test-to-Stay" at home rapid tests are accepted and preferred, but PCR tests are also accepted.

If you are unable to obtain enough home tests, the school has a small supply of test kits that can be used by our students who meet the criteria for TTS.

Questions:

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Nurse Lexi at l.pollack@aidanschool.org.

Does your child qualify for Test-to-Stay?	
YES (all of these must be true)	NO (if any of these apply)
My child is unvaccinated or partially vaccinated against COVID-19.	My child is "up-to-date" on their COVID-19 vaccine and may continue to be in school without quarantining.
The close contact happened <u>at Aidan</u> during school, ASP, or Discovery.	The close contact happened <u>in the household</u> or an activity <u>outside of Aidan</u> .
My child was in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 when both of their masks were being worn properly.	My child was in close contact with someone when one or both of their masks were off. (e.g. naptime, lunch, snack, Toddler classroom, etc.)
	My child is experiencing COVID-like symptoms after being in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.
	My child tested positive for COVID-19.
	My child is in a toddler classroom.
	My child is quarantining due to recent travel.

Unvaccinated or partially-vaccinated individuals <u>who do not qualify</u> for the Test-to-Stay and are considered a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19...	
MUST	MUST NOT
Quarantine for at least 7 days after the last day of exposure.	Return to school before Day 8 after the last day of exposure.
Test on day 5-7 after the last day of exposure.	Return to school if they become symptomatic during their quarantine period.
Stay home if they become symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19.	Return to school if the test results from day 5-7 after exposure come back positive.
Quarantine for a full 10 days if no test is done, but they remain asymptomatic.	