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Covid Test Kits Available

Dear Members of the Blind Brook Community,

Over the past few weeks, we have seen an increase in COVID cases. With families taking part in various celebrations and travelling to multiple locations, the possibility of exposure to COVID increases. This week we will distribute rapid test kits to all students and make them available to all staff. We would ask that parents test their children the day before we return from the holiday break to help prevent any possible spreading of COVID in schools. We need your help to slow down the transmission.

Please be advised that although your test may indicate that the expiration date has expired, the FDA has extended the expiration date for the iHealth COVID-19 tests. An extended expiration date means the manufacturer provided data showing that the shelf-life is longer than was known when the test was first authorized.

Since it takes time for test manufacturers to perform stability testing, the FDA typically authorizes at-home COVID-19 tests with a shelf-life of about four to six months from the day the test was manufactured, based on initial study results, and it may be extended later as additional data is collected.

The iHealth tests dated as expiring December 2022 have been granted an extension for an additional 6 months- their new extension date is June 2023. Please see the information below regarding the lot#s and expiration dates from the FDA. You can also find this on their website.

Lot Number	Tests with this printed expiration date (Year-Month-Day)	Now have this extended expiration date (Year-Month-Day)
CP22C07, CP22C08, CP22C09, CP22C10, CP22C11	2022-12-01	2023-06-01
CP22C28	2022-12-06	2023-06-06
CP22C29, CP22C30, CP22C31, CP22C32, CP22C33, CP22C34	2022-12-07	2023-06-07
CP22C35, CP22C36, CP22C37, CP22C38	2022-12-08	2023-06-08
CP22C39	2022-12-08	2023-06-08

Sincerely,
Dr. Colin M. Byrne
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