



Test to Stay FAQs

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Q: What is the purpose of test to stay?

Test to stay is a testing program which allows students and staff without symptoms to remain in Oregon's K-12 schools during their quarantine period. When this testing is combined with the several layers of mitigation in K-12 settings, including universal masking, physical distancing, cohorting, and ventilation, the risk of transmission in these settings is minimized. The CDC is studying test to stay, and considers it a promising practice for minimizing quarantine and maximizing school days in school.¹

Q: What if a student doesn't have consent on file for testing or refuses to take a test?

Students who do not have consent on file may not be tested. Participation in test to stay is optional and students who refuse to participate may quarantine at home.

Q: If a student is exposed at lunch or recess and wasn't wearing a mask, are they eligible to participate?

Yes.

Q: If a student is exposed during an extracurricular event and wasn't wearing mask, are they eligible to participate?

No; the exposure must occur in a K-12 setting in which universal masking is in place.

Q: Can a student take a test at home or a community testing site and be allowed to continue to come to school?

At this time, testing for test to stay must occur using the testing resources provided to schools by OHA.

Q: Should fully vaccinated students and staff participate in this program?

Fully vaccinated individuals are not subject to quarantine and do not require test to stay to continue attending school following an exposure if they do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

Q: What is the optimal timing for the testing?

The first test should occur as soon as the exposure has been identified.
The second test should occur on day 5 following the exposure.

¹ Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/admin-faq.html#anchor_1634072007476