In addition to weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing, Red Clay offers free, daily testing for students and staff who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 to allow them to remain in school during their quarantine period if they continue to test negative for the virus. This program is a statewide partnership with Quidel.

Students and staff who are enrolled in Red Clay’s weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing are eligible for Test to Stay. If they are exposed to someone with COVID-19, they can be tested daily. To remain in school during their quarantine period, the student/staff member must:

- Notify the school nurse of their intent to participate
- Show no symptoms
- Test negative daily (Sunday through Thursday evening)
- Correctly wear a mask indoors when at school
- Continue to quarantine when not at school

Learn more at redclayschools.com/testtostay.
TEST TO STAY PROGRAM FAQs

How does Test to Stay work for my student?
If a student was exposed to someone with COVID-19 in school, the school nurse will contact the student’s parent/caregiver notifying them that their student has been exposed and that they have the option to remain in school during their quarantine period by receiving daily testing through the Test to Stay program. If the parent/caregiver consents to having their student receive daily testing through the Test to Stay program, the school nurse will provide details on the location and timing of daily testing. The student will need to be picked up on the day the parent is notified of the potential exposure (unless they test negative that morning through the regular COVID-19 Testing Program) but can return to class the next day if they test negative that evening in the Test to Stay program and do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. Please keep in mind that we will only accept test results provided through the Test to Stay program to allow quarantining students to remain in school.

If a student was exposed to someone with COVID-19 outside of school, parents/caregivers and students have the option to let the school nurse know of this exposure so that the student can participate in the Test to Stay program to receive daily testing and remain in school during their quarantine period. If the parent/caregiver consents to having their student receive daily testing through the Test to Stay program, the school nurse will provide details on the location and timing of daily testing. Again, please keep in mind that only test results provided through the Test to Stay program will be accepted to allow quarantining students to remain in school.

What if my student tests positive?
Quidel will take a follow-up PCR swab at the Test to Stay site if a student receives a positive antigen test, so parents/guardians are encouraged to wait at the site for the antigen test results if possible. We will ask you to keep your student home. You will be asked to provide information about your student’s close contacts so that everyone who has been exposed can be notified. We will also be in touch to assist you in connecting your student with medical care and other support for your student and family, if needed.

Does my student need to participate in weekly testing or Test to Stay if they are fully vaccinated?
No.

How will the school protect my student’s privacy?
Your student’s name and personal information will never be shared as part of this program. Sharing of information about your student will only be done in accordance with applicable laws and policies protecting student privacy and the security of your student’s information.

Testing results will be shared only for public health purposes, which may include notifying close contacts that they may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and taking other steps to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in your school community. Information sharing and notifying of contacts will be done in a way that protects your student’s privacy.

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