**New Updated for COVID Testing**

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**Revised Updated Testing & Quarantine Supplemental Information to the "Interim NYSDOH Guidance for Classroom Instruction in P-12 Schools During the 2021-2022 Academic Year" (February 4, 2022)**

This NYSDOH memo is an update from the original Test To Stay (TTS) Memo dated December 23, 2021.  While much of the memo outlines the same guidance, there are a few new requirements and timelines that significantly affect any TTS program in the state of New York.  
  
The memo (found here:  <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/02/updated_tts-memo_0.pdf>)  
   
• Allows Test To Stay programs to be used for childcare programs.  
• Removes the requirement “The exposure must have occurred in the school setting and while both the person with COVID-19 and exposed person were consistently and properly masked” in order to qualify for TTS.  
• Adds the requirement that during the TTS testing period, exposed individuals must wear a mask.  
• Reduces the minimum amount of times and the number of days an exposed individual must be tested through TTS programs from 3 times during a 7 day period to 2 times during a 5 day period.  
• Clarifies that NYS has provided millions of tests to counties and that these tests CAN be used for TTS programs.  
• Changes the condition that exposed individuals are only allowed to ride the bus and attend school.  Now these individuals may also participate in school based extracurr0 icular activities as long as these activities do not include students from other schools, are supervised by adults and follow all COVID mitigation measures.  
  
**\*Revised\* Updated Isolation and Quarantine Guidance (February 4, 2022)**  
  
This document updates all isolation and quarantine guidelines to be in line with current CDC guidance.  (Found here:  <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/02/quarantine-and-isolation-guidance_0.pdf>  
  
Table found here:  <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/02/quarrantine-and-isolation-tables_0.pdf>.  
  
Highlights of the guidance:  
  
• The guidance updates which individuals must quarantine when exposed to COVID 19.  The NYSDOH chart is useful shorthand for determining this as well.  
• The guidance defines people who are not “up to date” on their COVID 19 vaccinations as:  
o Anyone who is not vaccinated or has not completed a [primary vaccine](http://url937.nysutinfo.org/ls/click?upn=O4i4NJHWfUennL9Z1rPjWeM1I2-2BHnZgeRyLCb-2FSw4Yiz1qjxClNsx8iNex9Mi5bzULshkTEd6N5h-2FysGKTCpONXAubxQhlNAeObKdcBe9gNugqqzirSNB21aKadQW-2BY0q0S0_7etKN-2Fwmf0U-2FafVrwKttR7Xf2zo-2BWbCbQ-2BmrC4wD1zV9MsOC4ZKYOQE3v638WKuFAXZOp0ii2zv62-2Bg3gBYwv3H-2F2yWBP74N7R9ptrNGEKAjBRjl0TTYXXFm3TvQgLMG5pMrUuBA7nuDcGtpJ92iFtDVdyIT6wTRdP31mNtf46ViiIdhI9yP8xFtW-2BS1MRQqcOQJiYwj5Ve3ilu9XGiLgoBfEdWI7ZtGyr3rsva7LWk-3D) series.  
o Anyone ages 12 or older who has completed the primary series of recommended vaccine, and is eligible for a CDC recommended booster shot but has not received it.   
  
This has implications for all persons who are eligible for a booster but have not yet received it.  According to this guidance, they will now have to quarantine.  
• To end quarantine—asymptomatic individuals should take a test at least 5 days after the last date of contact to an exposed person.  If the results are negative, they may return to work or school.  These people should continue to watch for symptoms for up to 10 days after the last date of contact.  
• To end isolation for COVID -19—Individuals may return to work or school after 5 days from the positive COVID 19 test.  A negative PCR test is no longer required to return to work or school after isolation.  
• If a person is exposed to COVID 19, but they are not required to quarantine, they must still wear a mask around others for 10 days from the date of the last exposure to COVID 19.

Thank you.