



February 2, 2022

Hello, GM Family. We are happy to announce that the district will be implementing a Test-to-Stay program in all four buildings for students and staff in an attempt to keep students and staff in school more often. Opt-in information is in the latter half of this email, but I first wanted to answer some important questions.

What is Test-to-Stay (TTS)?

- TTS is an optional/opt-in program that allows students and staff to take a rapid antigen test in school when they would have otherwise been quarantined.
- Our target date (pending receipt of test materials) is Tuesday, February 8.

Are students required to participate?

- No.
- Only families who register their students or staff registering themselves (information below) will participate in TTS.
- Students and staff identified as close contacts who do not participate in TTS will simply follow the current guidelines for quarantine.

Is GMSD participating in pool testing for students?

- No. We are only participating in the TTS option.

Who is eligible for TTS?

- Students who are identified as classroom asymptomatic close contacts are eligible for TTS.
- Students who are identified as lunchroom asymptomatic close contacts are eligible for TTS.
- Students who are asymptomatic and are looking to return to school athletics are eligible for TTS.
- Students who are mildly symptomatic are eligible for TTS. It is not for students who would traditionally be sent home for regular illness.

Who is NOT eligible for TTS?

- TTS is not for non-school close contacts.
- TTS is not for testing out of household quarantine resulting from household close contact to a positive case.
- TTS is not for testing unrelated to school.
- In other words, we want to do what we can to keep students and staff in school; however, we do not have the capacity or resources to be a new community testing center.

Where is GMSD getting the tests?

- GMSD is partnering with the Pennsylvania Department of Health and their testing provider, Concentric by Ginkgo.

What is the testing process?

- Students will be tested in our nurses' offices by trained staff.
- Testing produces results in 10-15 minutes.
- Students who test negative will return to class. Students who test positive will follow the current quarantine guidelines.
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If you are not interested in TTS for your student, you don't need to do anything. If you are interested, use the following instructions.

When prompted via the links below, use the following building codes:

General McLane High School: P5HLKF
James W. Parker Middle School: 7A755M
Edinboro Elementary School: R22ND7
McKean Elementary School: 2JKCXL

[Click here](#) if you would like to provide TTS consent for your child.

[Click here](#) if you are over the age of 18 and would like to sign up for TTS.

This is a reminder that students will only be tested if the consent is on file by completing the information in the links above.

We look forward to using the benefits of TTS to keep our healthy students and staff in school while we remain committed to our goal of keeping all of our schools open all day every day for our students and families.

Thanks in advance for your time, and all the best.

Matt Lane, Superintendent