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## OLSS TEST TO STAY IMPLEMENTATION

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Dear OLSS Families,

OLSS is happy to announce, in coordination with Maryland Department of Health, and under guidelines set by MSDE we will be implementing the “Test to Stay strategy” here at school for students 5+. Unfortunately, MSDE has not changed the age guidelines at this time for students under 5 years of age. **Please read this letter in its entirety whether your student is vaccinated or not.** This program allows asymptomatic school-based close contacts who are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations to remain in school during their quarantine period. It combines contact tracing and testing (testing that is repeated at least twice during a seven-day period after last close contact with a person with COVID-19) to allow students, teachers and staff who require quarantine to continue in-person learning. This includes people who are a school-associated close contact, are not up to date with their vaccinations, do not test positive for SARS-CoV-2, and have no symptoms. TTS participants should get tested at least upon notification of their close contact and again between 5-7 days after their last close contact with someone with COVID-19.

If a student is identified as a close contact to **another student/staff** (this does not include close contacts outside of school), and is not fully vaccinated, students will have the option to remain in school and complete rapid testing on the day the school is made aware of a close contact within the school AND on day 5 after last close contact with the positive case. IF the student remains asymptomatic and does not test positive on rapid testing, the student will be able to forego the 5 day home quarantine and will be able to remain at school for in school learning. This will assist students in continuity of learning. **Please remember that ALL students who are considered close contacts to a positive case MUST mask wear for 10 days after an exposure OR will be required to quarantine at home and monitor for symptoms regardless of vaccination status.**

If your student is **fully vaccinated** (2 weeks post 2nd dose and or booster if greater than 6 months from 2nd dose) Please check the appropriate box below AND include a copy of your students vaccination card if you have not already submitted a copy.

IF your student is **not fully vaccinated** and you would like to participate in the Test to Stay Program, please initial below AND complete the attached consent form to be placed on file for your student to have access to testing upon exposure. Parents will be made aware each time a student has been identified as a close contact AND dates COVID testing will be completed. If you have further questions or concerns please reach out to [schoolnurse@olsss.org](mailto:schoolnurse@olsss.org)

\_\_\_\_ I would like my student to participate in the Test to Stay program. **I understand that close contacts to a positive case MUST mask wear for 10 days after an exposure in school OR will be required to quarantine at home and monitor for symptoms.**

\_\_\_\_ I decline to participate in the Test to Stay Program. I understand that if my student is identified as a close contact to a positive case he/she will be required to remain home for 5 days and monitor for symptoms, **after 5 days if they are symptom free they will be able to return to school with a mask for an additional 5 days, otherwise they will be required to quarantine at home for a full 10 days.**

\_\_\_\_ My student is fully vaccinated and does not require quarantine due to exposure. **I understand that if my student is identified as a close contact they will be required to wear a mask for a full 10 days post exposure OR must quarantine at home for 10 days after exposure if he/she cannot comply with mask wearing.**