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****UPDATE - COVID TEST-TO-STAY & EXCLUSION PROTOCOLS EFFECTIVE 1.10.22****

Dear High Point Community:

After reviewing and aligning the recommendations from multiple governmental agencies with the development of internal protocols, High Point will proceed with updated **Test-To-Stay** procedures, beginning on Monday, January 10, 2022. Rapid antigen tests are on-site and we are prepared to proceed so as to keep your children in school and learning among their peers and with their teachers.

Fully vaccinated students who become exposed are not required to quarantine as long as they are asymptomatic.

All students, regardless of vaccination status, who test positive will be required to quarantine for seven (7) days, with the date of test administration being day one (1). They may return on day eight (8), if asymptomatic for 24 hours.

For parents who choose to have their child participate in the Test-To-Stay protocols, we are required to obtain parental consent. This <u>form</u> will be placed on the parent portal of Genesis for easy access and completion. Exposed students, who are unvaccinated, and who have completed the consent form, shall be administered an antigen/rapid test in the nurse's office on day one (1), or as soon as possible. The first test shall be administered upon recognition of having been a close contact; subsequent rapid, on-site tests, shall be administered prior to a student's first block class on each day of protocol testing. While students are awaiting testing, or results, they shall assemble in the right-rear auditorium, closest to the nurses office, while being sure to maintain proper social distancing. Students will then be tested every other school day, until the seven-day protocol ends. Students who receive negative test results and who are asymptomatic shall be removed from testing protocols on day eight (8). Students who receive a positive test result shall be quarantined according to positive test result protocols provided above.

Without a completed form, unvaccinated, exposed students will be required to quarantine for 10 days, with an asymptomatic return on day 11, beginning with the date of exposure.

We have developed detailed internal protocols so as to properly, safely and professionally administer the Test-to-Stay process. Should you have any questions regarding this process, or the manner in which High Point is proceeding with our goal and purpose of keeping our students engaged, on-site, learning and experiencing their childhood, to the fullest extent possible, please reach out to me, via email: SRipley@hpregional.org, or by phone: 973-875-7204.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Ripley, Ed.D. Superintendent