

January 6, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

As I mentioned in a previous communication, the Connecticut Department of Education and Public Health have distributed self test kits to all schools in the state to help curb the transmission of COVID-19.

We have received a limited allotment of kits and will be distributing them as follows:

- Students or staff members who exhibit symptoms and need to be screened for COVID 19 and cannot find community testing options.
- Students or staff members that have had a direct exposure to an individual with COVID-19 and cannot find community testing options.

For students who are symptomatic in school, the nurse will send the test home with your child. If you have kept your child home due to symptoms or exposure and are in need of a test kit, please contact the health office in your child's school (Elementary and Reed) or send your request through the attendance email or attendance form (NMS and NHS). Anne Dalton, Nurse Supervisor, will be sending additional information to those families in need regarding picking up tests at designated times.

Kits are to be administered by parents/guardians to determine if your child is negative before attending/returning to school. *If your child tests positive, it is essential that you report the positive test result to your school nurse and keep your child home.*

For staff who are symptomatic or have been in direct contact, please reach out to your school principal for a kit. If you are out due to COVID-19, please let your school principal or supervisor know.

Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping our students, staff, and families healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, Superintendent