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Dear Families,

Newtown Schools have received a limited number of COVID-19 test kits to be distributed on an as needed basis to families. Below is the information from the State of Connecticut that lists the criteria for distributing test kits.

How Should Districts Distribute Kits to Staff and Students?

The CSDE is providing these kits to help further protect staff, children, and families. The rapid home tests are to be used to screen those who are symptomatic, to determine who should not be present in school. The test kits are provided to address these needs:

—If a child or staff person exhibits symptoms and needs to be screened for COVID-19;

—If a child or staff member has a direct exposure to an individual with COVID-19

The test kits will be distributed to the families who need them by their schools. The school nurses will provide a test kit, when needed, to students being dismissed from school with symptoms. If your student is home with symptoms or has had a direct exposure to a positive COVID-19 case, and you are unable to find testing, please follow these instructions:

Elementary Schools Parents - Contact your school's main number to report the need for a test. Pick up of tests will be between 4 - 4:30 p.m. daily at each school. Come to the security desk at the main entrance.

RIS Parents - Leave a message on the main office line 203-270-4880 stating the need for a test. Pick up of tests will be between 4 - 4:30 p.m. daily. Park and come to the main door and a main office staff member will meet you.

NMS Parents - Email NMS Attendance stating the need for a test. Pick up will be from 3 - 3:30 p.m. daily. Park and come to the main entrance to pick up a test kit.

NHS Parents - Indicate on the Attendance Google Form if you need a test. Pick up of tests will be between 3- 3:30 p.m. daily. Come to the Security Desk in the Main Lobby.

Further instruction will be sent to parents as we streamline the test request process.

Please see the attached graphic guide to help you determine isolation and quarantine periods for students.

Thank you to all for the continued teamwork.

Sincerely,

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[Guide for Isolation / Quarantine](#)