



NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 TEST KIT Q&A

Distribution of COVID-19 at-home test kits:

On Friday, January 14, 2022, one COVID-19 test kit will be distributed to every NECSD student who has not yet received one. Each test kit contains two (2) COVID-19 rapid tests. Students will be instructed to put the test kit in their backpack to bring home. Please look for the test kit as soon as your child(ren) arrives home. Prior to Friday, please discuss the importance of not playing with or opening the test kit. Please review the following questions and answers for intended use of the test kit. The instructions in the test-kit box should be followed for test administration.

Why are at-home test kits being distributed if a PCR test is still required?

The Orange County Department of Health has set forth guidelines to all schools in Orange County that the NECSD continues to follow. While PCR tests have been required to track the official isolation period, an at-home test can be a good baseline indicator of positivity for COVID-19, which would then allow students to remain at home while awaiting further confirmation. At-home tests add to the mitigation strategies already in place in the NECSD to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in our schools.

When should I use the at-home test-kits?

The at-home test kits should be used prior to your child's return to school on Tuesday, January 18th. The results should be read before the child gets on the school bus or arrives at school (whichever comes first). The second test should be used if your child has been exposed to a positive person or develops symptoms of COVID-19. Taking an at-home test may not be necessary if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days.

What do I do if my child tests positive using an at-home test kit?

If your student tests positive using an at-home test kit, please keep your student home from school, contact your child's school nurse office immediately, and begin to [isolate](#). You should seek guidance from a medical provider and a PCR test to confirm and report results.

What do I do if my child tests negative using an at-home test kit?

If you utilized the at-home test because your child was exposed to someone with COVID-19, but your child tests negative, please continue to follow the current protocols based on your child's current status.

If you used the at-home test because your child is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please consult a doctor and/or seek a PCR test before returning to school.

Who can I contact if my child was not in school the day the test kits were distributed?

Please contact your child's school directly to pick up a test kit for your child.

Who do I contact if I have questions or concerns about COVID-19 in NECSD schools?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding COVID-19, please continue to use covidhelp@necsd.net or 845-563-3412.