

Test-to- Stay Program at West Salem Schools

Throughout the pandemic, we have all been eager for the time when we are able to have all students consistently learning in-person. While we are seeing success with learning in-person this fall, we still have students with interruptions to their in-person learning due to being quarantined as close contacts to positive household members. These interruptions not only affect a student’s ability to be in school, but also are a stressor on families and our staff. In order to help to avoid these stressors, we will be offering testing on-site at each school building so our students can stay learning in-person.

The Test-to-Stay program would allow students who are household close contacts to a positive case to avoid quarantine from school if they have a negative COVID test daily during their quarantine period.

On-Site Testing

Location:	West Salem Elementary School, West Salem Middle School and West Salem High School
Time:	Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Test Services Offered By:	Noah Clinical Laboratory
Testing Process:	PCR and Rapid Antigen tests consist of a shallow nasal swab in both nostrils (similar to a Q-tip circling each side of the nostril) and is not the deep nasal swab that some community testing sites have used.
Tests Offered:	<p>Rapid Antigen: Nasal swab with results in 15 minutes. You must stay on-site at the testing location until you receive verbal results. Symptomatic students who test negative on the Rapid Antigen test must still have a PCR confirmation test. Symptomatic students who test positive do not need further testing.</p> <p>PCR: Nasal swab with anticipated results in 24 to 48 hours.</p>
Testing Can Be Utilized When:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diagnostic-Students are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ on quarantine and become symptomatic ○ symptomatic and at home, may come in and we will direct you where to go ○ symptomatic at school 2. Close Contacts to a positive case from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ school exposure ○ community ○ household
Pre-Registration and Consent Process:	<p>Parents will need to register their students online and provide consent before their student can be tested. Registration can be completed here and only needs to be done once, regardless of how many times your student may be tested.</p> <p>https://lifepointlink.com/noah/outreach</p> <p>District nursing staff will also obtain verbal consent each time before testing your student.</p>

Test to Stay Timeline for Household Close Contacts

Students who have a daily negative COVID test are able to continue participating in school and in school activities.

