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### **Test to Stay (TTS) Prevention Strategy Plan**

Center School will be implementing the Test to Stay (TTS) Prevention Strategy in order to decrease at-home quarantining and increase days in school.

Test to Stay is a prevention strategy that allows individuals who have direct exposure to a positive case *in school* to continue to attend school and participate in extracurricular activities in a modified quarantine in school for seven days after the last day of exposure.

Center School is enrolled in Project ACE-IT, a CHOP antigen testing program, and will begin implementing this practice effective 29 November 2021.

#### **Eligibility**

Individuals who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated and asymptomatic are eligible to participate in TTS.

Eligible individuals must have had direct exposure to a positive case of COVID-19 in the school setting in order to participate. This does not include exposures at home, outside of the school setting, and community exposures.

Consent must be received in order for eligible individuals to participate in TTS. This is a separate form and will be provided by Center School.

Fully vaccinated individuals cannot participate in TTS.

#### **Participation**

Individuals will need to opt in to completing an antigen testing cadence schedule for COVID-19 and remain symptom free and test negative to remain in school and participate in extracurricular activities over the seven day period.

Those who choose not to participate in TTS will be required to quarantine for seven or 10 days in accordance with the standard requirements set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

#### **Procedures**

The school nurse will administer the CLIA Certified POC antigen test within 24 hours of notification of exposure to impacted individuals. Additional testing will be administered every

other day during the required 7-day quarantine in school. All testing will be conducted in the school nurse's office.

### **Completion of Program**

An individual is considered to have completed TTS on day 8 after all tests in the 7-day cadence cycle have been completed, have resulted in a negative result, and at a minimum one test has been administered between days 5 and 7 after exposure.

If school is not in session on days 5-7, individuals must receive their final test on the next scheduled school day in order to qualify for completion of the program.

If school is not in session in order for the final test to be administered after day 10 of exposure, a test is not required to qualify for completion of the program.

### **Dismissal from Program**

If an individual tests positive during the cadence schedule, the individual will no longer be able to participate in TTS.

Students who test positive during the TTS cadence will be isolated in the school nurse's office. The student must be picked up immediately by the parent/guardian, and the student must quarantine at home and follow the guidelines as outlined in Center School's COVID-19 Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

If an employee tests positive during the TTS cadence, then the employee must go home immediately and follow the guidelines as outlined in Center School's COVID-19 Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

If an individual becomes symptomatic or is exposed outside of school, the individual will not be able to continue to participate in TTS and will be required to quarantine at home.

### **Receiving Results**

Eligible participants will be required to register with PA Rapid Test. Once enrolled, individuals will receive results through the app.

Please note that the results are shared with the Pennsylvania Department of Health.