



# Sherman Central School

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Dear Sherman Families,

Beginning Wednesday, January 26, 2022 the Sherman Central School District will implement the Test to Stay (TTS) protocol adopted by the Chautauqua County Department of Health (CCDOH). It is our hope that this protocol will offer students another opportunity to maintain in-person instruction for as many students as possible.

In a memo from the CCDOH dated January 7, 2022, TTS is defined as “a modified, test based protocol for asymptomatic Pre-K - 12 students and staff who have been identified as close contacts to someone with COVID-19”. TTS allows eligible quarantined individuals to attend in-school instruction if they receive a negative COVID-19 viral test (e.g. rapid antigen, PCR) a minimum of two times during the five day period following exposure, unless recognition of the exposure is delayed or weekends or school breaks intervene. One of these tests must take place on day 5 after the exposure.

In a memo from the CCDOH dated January 24, 2022, an addendum for Test to Play (TTP) was included. Students participating in Test to Stay may choose to also “Test to Play” for sports and extracurricular activities if they test negative for COVID-19 on every day that they are participating in the extracurricular activity. Eligibility to participate in “Test to Play” will be determined by the school district based on the current circumstances and on an individual basis.

Please note that in order to implement this protocol our school must strictly adhere to the New York State Education Department Test to Stay Guidance as well as the Chautauqua County Health Department Test to Stay Guidance. Not all counties in New York State are currently participating in this protocol, and we are thrilled to be able to provide this option for our families.

Our school's universal masking protocol is in effect for everyone, regardless if students are participating in this protocol. Vaccinated individuals do not need to participate in Test to Stay as they would not be ordered to quarantine unless exhibiting symptoms or are positive for COVID-19.

Key components for eligibility and participation are in the attached documents. If our health office has reached out to you and you are interested, please fill out the attached consent form and return it to your child's teacher or the main office.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact our health office.

Thank you for trusting us with your children.

Very truly yours,

Danielle M. O'Connor  
Interim Superintendent

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