

JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday December 10, 2021 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

Test To Stay

We are planning to begin Test to Stay in the coming weeks. This means asymptomatic, unvaccinated students who have been exposed to a COVID-positive person while at school may be tested via a rapid antigen test in the morning at school. If the result is negative, the student may attend school in-person. This is great news because it will reduce the number of students who miss school due to quarantine requirements!

A detailed description of this program can be found on the Agency of Education [Test to Stay website](#). Parents/Guardians **must complete both parts** below if you want your child to be part of our district's Test to Stay program. We request that you sign your child up by December 15 to make sure they can participate.

1. A student can only participate in Test to Stay if their parent/guardian has given consent. If you would like your child to participate in the response testing, including the antigen Test to Stay program, please complete the [Consent webform](#) as soon as possible.
2. Vermont will be using SimpleReport to report the results of antigen tests. This reporting system allows for parents/guardians to receive their student's results instantly. [Sign up for SimpleReport here.](#)

Students will only participate in our TTS program IF they were exposed to a COVID+ person while at school. You will be notified if your child is considered a close contact and will be informed about the timeline for conducting Test to Stay if you would like them to continue coming to school in person. If the rapid antigen test result is positive, your child must be picked up from school right away.

Surveillance Testing

We will continue with weekly surveillance testing as well. This is for all students and staff regardless of vaccination status. [You can sign up your student for surveillance testing here.](#)

Lunch in the cafeteria!

This past week Kindergarten and 3rd grade started eating lunch in the cafeteria. The students have done a fantastic job adjusting to the change. Every student I have talked to has been enthusiastic and excited to be in the brand new cafeteria!

Next week 1st and 5th grades will join 3rd and Kindergarten eating in the cafeteria.

Vaccination Clinic

The Winooski School District COVID-19 2nd dose clinic took place this past Tuesday. The clinic was very successful, with over 180 shots in arms. The JFK staff was amazing, flexible and supportive of our students and families to allow for easy access to the clinic. Our fantastic health office and Emily Hecker worked hard to coordinate everything with the VDH and made sure that everything was in line to work well. Our phenomenal PTO volunteered to help ensure that students got to and from the gym safely and quickly. It was a true showcase of our community working together to support our students.

Do you still have questions about the vaccine for this age group?

[Read more about the COVID-19 vaccine for kids and find out where to make an appointment.](#)

Important Dates

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

12:15 Early Dismissal

December 23rd - 31st

No School

Monday, January 3, 2022

Students return from December Vacation

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

12:15 Early Dismissal

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

12:15 Early Dismissal

Monday, February 21, 2022- Friday, February 25, 2022

No School



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