



Barker Central School

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child, _____, has been identified as a “close contact” of a person who has been found to be COVID positive, and is subject to a five (5) day quarantine.

However, under newly approved test-to-stay (TTS) guidance, your child may continue attending classes during the regular school day as normal under the following circumstances:

- Your child remains asymptomatic;
- You test your child for COVID on the following dates, using the in-home test provided by the district:
 - First test: _____
 - Second test: _____
 - Third test (if needed*): _____
 - Fourth test (if needed*): _____
 - Fifth test (if needed*): _____

**testing may not be necessary if the quarantine period falls over a weekend day/holiday*

- You report the test results by email at testreporting@barkercsd.net. We are asking families to email results so our staff can better manage the volume of expected tests. However, if you are unable to email test results, you may call results in to the school nurse at 716-795-9322.

Important notes:

- The Barker Central School District will provide the at-home tests to be used free of charge.
- A positive COVID test must be reported to the Niagara County Department of Health. Here is a link to the site for reporting positives: <https://www.niagaracounty.com/health/Services/Public-Health-Preparedness/2019-Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19/Positive-COVID-19-Home-Test-Reporting-Form>. You do NOT need to report negative tests to the county.
- If your child tests positive, they MUST remain home and begin their 5 day isolation period. In addition to reporting the positive case to the Niagara County Department of Health, as noted above, please contact the school nurse to report the positive case as well so the District can begin contact tracing of potential close contacts. The school nurse will confirm the isolation time for your student, if positive.
- Students who are allowed to attend classes under the TTS protocol and may participate in extracurricular after school activities as long as your student remains symptom free.
- **Students who return under TTS must wear a mask at all times in school except when eating.**