

Southeast Unified School District #247

506 S. Smelter Street
Cherokee, KS 66724

Ph. 620-457-8350
Fax 620-457-8428



*Success Through Excellence:
Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday*

October 12, 2021

Re: USD 247 Test to Stay, Learn and Play Program

In collaboration with KDHE and the Crawford County Health Department, USD 247 has implemented a testing to stay and learn and play program for high risk COVID close contacts. In all instances, parent consent will be required to participate in the testing program. The details of this program are as follows:

If the student is determined to be a close contact, the student's guardian will be notified and options will be provided for proceeding. Options are as follows:

1. The close contact will quarantine at home for at least 10 days, returning on day 11, symptom free. The student will be sent home immediately and will not return until day 11 if this is the option you choose.
2. The close contact will quarantine at home for at least 7 days, obtaining a PCR test at the school or other medical facility on day 6. If negative, the student may return on day 8, if symptom free. Initially the student will be sent home immediately and proceed with testing as stated above.
3. The close contact chooses to NOT quarantine at home and opts to participate in the Testing to Stay, Play and Learn program. The close contact's guardian will be contacted immediately, consent for testing will be obtained, and the close contact will be given a COVID Antigen Test.
 - a. If negative and symptom free, the student will be allowed to stay at school and will be required to wear a mask for the following 10 days. Each morning of the quarantine period, the student's guardian MUST bring the student to school to meet the school nurse in the parking lot for a COVID Antigen test. If negative and symptom free, the student can stay at school and fully participate in learning and sports.
 - b. If positive during this quarantine time frame, the student will then be given the COVID PCR test to verify the positive test. If the student is positive, he/she will not be allowed to remain at school and must quarantine following health department guidelines. It is required that the student follow up with your primary care physician.
4. Students who are determined to be a close contact but have a documented positive COVID case or are fully vaccinated, are exempt from being quarantined.
5. The Health Department retains the final authority to require quarantine in all cases.

Respectfully,

USD 247 Administration