

Brandywine School District

Launches Test to Stay Program

Dear BSD Parent,

Along with preventing COVID-19 by vaccinating all children age five and older, testing is an important way to identify and stop the spread of the virus in our community and maintain in-person instruction throughout the school year. As you may know, we have partnered with the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) to give your child access to free, weekly COVID-19 tests through the In-School Testing program. Starting Monday, Dec. 13 the Brandywine School District will also provide testing for students who may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and have been instructed to quarantine through a new Test to Stay program.

This Test to Stay program is offered as an adjunct to our current COVID-19 In-School Testing program. To be eligible for the Test to Stay program, students will first need to be signed up in our current In-School Testing program. Test to Stay, which follows DPH guidance, would allow a student to attend school even if they have been exposed to COVID-19 as long as they meet the following these criteria:

- Show no symptoms
- Must correctly wear a mask indoors when at school
- Have been identified as exposed to COVID-19
- Must continue to quarantine when not at school
- Test negative daily (during the school week) as part of the Test to Stay program

To learn more about the program and why it's important to enroll your children, please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions document and [visit the COVID-19 school testing website](#). You can use the QR code below to register.



COVID-19 cases are still a significant concern in our community—and testing through programs like ours is one of the best ways to identify them and stop the virus from spreading. And remember, *the more students we can enroll, the more effective it will be*. If your child is not yet vaccinated, enroll your student in In-School Testing program now, so they can participate in Test to Stay and they can benefit from the education, socialization, and opportunities every Delaware child deserves.

Don't forget – there are also plenty of vaccine opportunities available! Click [HERE](#) to view a complete list of vaccine sites.

Thank you,

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Coordinator of School Health Services

Brandywine School District

Test to Stay Program FAQs

Do you have questions about the free “Test to Stay” Program in the Brandywine School District?

Below are answers to questions you may have.

Why is our school testing for COVID-19?

Vaccinating children ages 5 and older is the most important way to protect students and our community from the spread of COVID-19. Screening testing is also important for catching outbreaks early and preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our school. The Brandywine School District is participating in the COVID-19 Testing Program to test students who are not yet vaccinated on a weekly basis to screen for COVID-19. This testing is free of charge to families. While participation is optional, families are encouraged to sign up for free testing by following the directions with the QR code below.



What is the COVID-19 “Test to Stay” Program?

In addition to the weekly screening testing through the COVID-19 Testing Program, the Brandywine School District offers free, daily testing for students who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 to allow them to remain in school during their quarantine period if they continue to test negative for the virus.

How the “Test to Stay” Program Works

Who can participate in the “Test to Stay” Program?

Students who are enrolled in Brandywine School District’s COVID-19 Testing Program with an up-to-date consent form online with Quidel are eligible for “Test to Stay.” If they are exposed to someone with COVID-19, they can be tested daily. To remain in school during their quarantine period, the student must:

- Show no symptoms
- Test negative daily Sunday evening through Thursday evening at one of our 2 sites
 - Brandywine High School 4-7 p.m. in the main lobby

- P.S. duPont Middle School 4-7 p.m. in the main lobby
- Upload the results the evening of testing using Classlink and selecting the “Test to Stay” app
 - <https://my.classlink.com/brandywine>
 - Parents/guardians will need their students email and log in information
- Must correctly wear a mask indoors when at school
- Must continue to quarantine when not at school

How does “Test to Stay” work for my student?

If a student was exposed to someone with COVID-19 **in school**, the school nurse will contact the student’s parent/caregiver notifying them that their student has been exposed and that they have the option to remain in school during their quarantine period by receiving daily testing through the “Test to Stay” program. If the parent/caregiver consents to having their student receive daily testing through the “Test to Stay” program, the school nurse will provide details on the location and timing of daily testing. The student will need to be picked up on the day the parent is notified of the potential exposure (*unless they test negative that morning through the regular COVID-19 Testing Program*) but can return to class the next day if they test negative that evening in the “Test to Stay” program and do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. **Please keep in mind that we will only accept test results provided through the “Test to Stay” program to allow quarantining students to remain in school.**

If a student was exposed to someone with COVID-19 **outside of school**, parents/caregivers will notify the nurse and the parent may choose to enroll the student in the “Test to Stay” program. If the parent/caregiver consents to having their student receive daily testing through the “Test to Stay” program, the school nurse will provide details on the location and timing of daily testing. Again, please keep in mind that only test results provided through the “Test to Stay” program will be accepted to allow quarantining students to remain in school.

Can my student participate in the “Test to Stay” program if they are not enrolled in the COVID-19 Testing Program?

Your student must be enrolled in the school’s COVID-19 Testing Program to receive weekly screening tests to participate in the “Test to Stay” program. However, if your student is exposed to COVID-19 before signing up for the COVID-19 Testing Program, they can be immediately enrolled in the program so that they may participate in the “Test to Stay” program as well as weekly testing going forward.

What if my student is exposed to COVID-19 and does not participate in “Test to Stay”?

If your student is exposed to COVID-19 and does not participate in “Test to Stay,” then they must stay home from school for 10 days following their known exposure. Your student may return earlier than 10 days if they take a COVID test on Day 5, 6 or 7 following their known exposure. If your student tests negative on Day 5, 6, or 7, they may return to school on Day 8. You must consult with your student’s school nurse before their return. Please note home testing is not accepted.

Does my student need to participate in weekly testing or “Test to Stay” if they are fully vaccinated?

No. However, if they are partially vaccinated or not vaccinated at all, it is recommended that they receive weekly screening testing through participation in the COVID-19 Testing Program and daily testing while quarantining in the “Test to Stay” program.

How will students be tested in the “Test to Stay” program?

Students in “Test to Stay” will receive an antigen (rapid) test in the evening before every school day Sunday through Thursday for 8 days following a known exposure to COVID-19. The antigen tests will involve a quick and easy nasal swab. The swab will be done by the student or, if assistance is needed, by trained clinical staff.

When and where will the tests occur?

The “Test to Stay” Program will be testing students after school or in the evenings between 4pm and 7pm, for admittance the following school day. Testing will be conducted at P.S. duPont Middle School and Brandywine High School and is free to all families.

Will testing be available on Sundays so they can go back to school on Monday?

Yes. Testing will be available on Sunday evenings.

How long will it take to receive test results?

Results for antigen tests will be available typically within 30 minutes after the test is conducted.

How will parents/caregivers be notified of results?

Parents/caregivers can wait in the parking lot of the test location for testing staff to come to their car to deliver test results approximately 30 minutes after the test. Parents/caregivers will also be notified of results directly by email from Quidel, our testing partner. **Parents/caregivers must then upload the results to this link for their student to attend school the next day.**

Parents/caregivers can access “Test to Stay” through Classlink.

Classlink can be accessed at this link: <https://myapps.classlink.com/home>

Directions for uploading results are included later in the packet.

If the test result email is not uploaded before the start of the next school day, your student may not be allowed to attend school that day.

Can students in “Test to Stay” participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities?

If your student tests negative and is able to remain in school during their quarantine period through the “Test to Stay” program, they may also participate in extra-curricular activities. However, this does not include weekend activities, as testing is not available on Friday or Saturday evening.

What if my student tests positive?

We will ask you to keep your student home. You will be asked to provide information about your student’s close contacts so that everyone who has been exposed can be notified. We will also be in touch to assist you in connecting your student with medical care and other support for your student and family, if needed. Quidel will take a follow-up PCR swab at the “Test to Stay” site if a student receives a positive antigen test, so parents are encouraged to wait at the site for the antigen test results if possible.

How will the school protect my student’s privacy?

Testing results will be shared only for public health purposes, which may include notifying close contacts that they may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 and taking other steps to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in your school community. **Information sharing and notifying of contacts will be done in a way that protects your student’s privacy. Your student’s name and personal information will never be shared as part of this program.** Sharing of information about your student will only be done in accordance with applicable laws and policies protecting student privacy and the security of your student’s information.

Can students attend before and after care while participating in TTS?

At this time, *some* before and after care programs are participating in Test to Stay. Child care facilities have different guidelines, so not all are participating. Please work directly with your before or after care provider to learn if they are participating in Test to Stay.

The CDC recommends everyone 5 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and free. Getting vaccinated prevents severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. Additionally, vaccinated students and staff do not have to quarantine after being exposed to someone with COVID-19. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find vaccination providers near you.

Test to Stay Program Locations

Appoquinimink School District

- Alfred G. Waters Middle - 1235 Cedar Lane Rd, Middletown, DE 19709
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM
- Louis L. Redding Middle School - 201 New St, Middletown, DE 19709
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM

Brandywine School District

- Brandywine High School - 1400 Foulk Rd, Wilmington, DE 19803
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM
- Pierre S. Dupont Middle School - 701 West 34th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM

Caesar Rodney School District

- Caesar Rodney High School- 239 Old North Rd, Camden, DE 19934
 - Monday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00 PM
- Magnolia Middle School- 133 Thomas More Dr, Magnolia, DE 19962
 - Monday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Christina School District

- Newark High School- 750 E Delaware Ave, Newark, DE 19711
 - Monday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00 PM
- William Oberle Elementary School- 500 Caledonia Way, Bear, DE 19701
 - Monday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Colonial School District

- The Wallace Wallin School- 701 E. Basin Road, New Castle, DE 19720
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM
- Kathleen H. Wilbur Elementary- 4050 Wrangle Hill Rd, Bear, DE 19701
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM

Lake Forest School District

- Central Elementary- 5424 Killens Pond Rd, Felton, DE 19943
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM
- W.T. Chipman Middle- 101 W Center St, Harrington, DE 19952
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM

Laurel School District

- North Laurel Early Learning Academy- 600 Wilson St, Laurel, DE 19956
Monday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00 PM
- Laurel Elementary School- 801 South Central Avenue, Laurel, DE 19956
 - Monday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Milford School District

- Benjamin Banneker Elementary- 449 North St, Milford, DE 19963
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM
- Morris Early Childhood Center- 8609 3rd St, Lincoln, DE 19960
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM

Providence Creek Academy Charter School - 273 Duck Creek Rd, Clayton, DE 19938

- Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM

Red Clay Consolidated School District

- John Dickinson School- 1801 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM
- Warner Elementary School- 801 W 18th St, Wilmington, DE 19802
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM

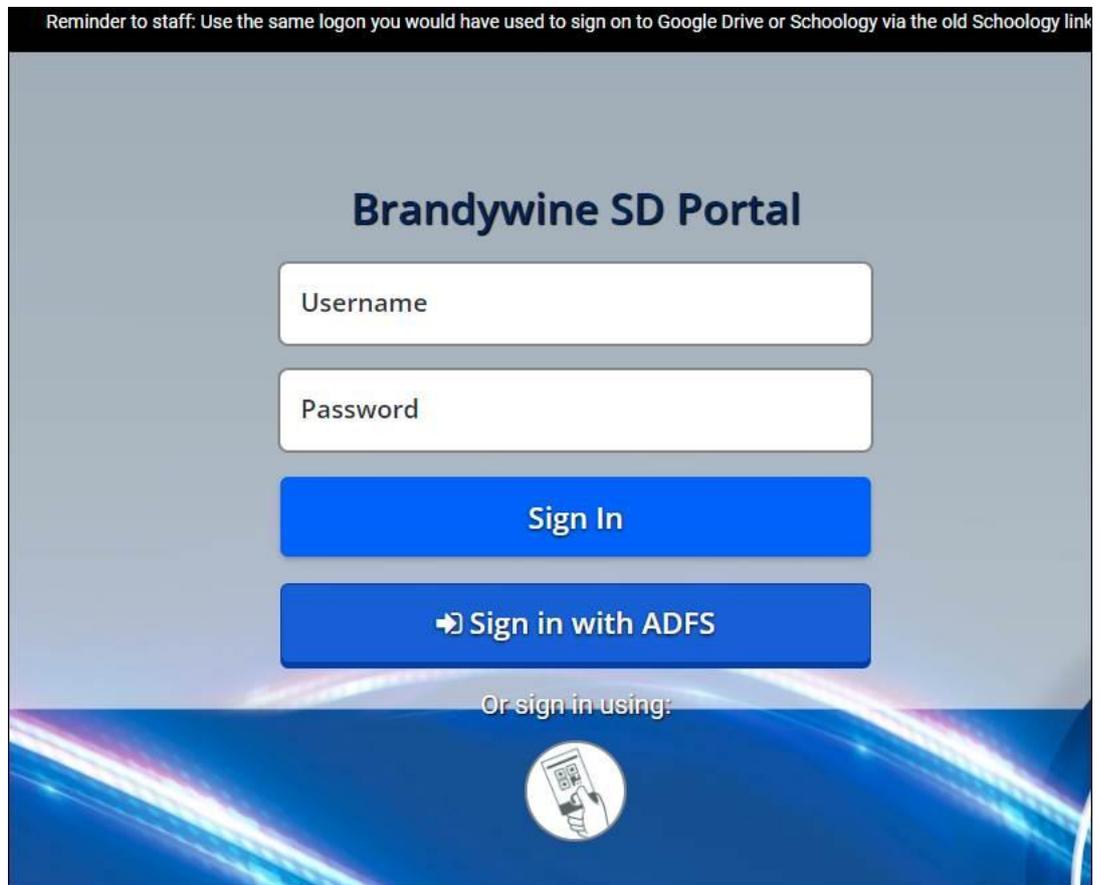
Woodbridge School District

- Phillis Wheatley Elementary School- 48 Church St, Bridgeville, DE 19933
 - Monday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00 PM
- Woodbridge Early Childhood Education Center- 400 Governors Ave, Greenwood, DE 19950
 - Sunday- Thursday 4:00 PM-7:00PM

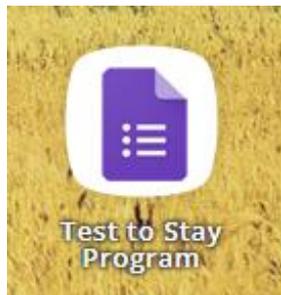
Please note: Parents/caregivers may utilize any Quidel TTS testing location. Testing locations can also be accessed on Google Maps using [this link](#).

Entering Daily Results

1. Student must log into Classlink
 - a. <https://my.classlink.com/brandywine>



- b. You will need to login ClassLink using the student's login credential in the format listed below:
 - i. USERNAME: firstname.middleinitial.lastname [i.e. john.m.smith]
 - ii. PASSWORD: student's lunch/ID number
2. Once in ClassLink, select the icon: Test to Stay Program



3. The Google form should then come up for you to fill out. You should no longer be prompted to login to Google. If you are, use john.m.smith@students.bsd.k12.de.us as the username and the student's ID as the password.
4. Submit responses to the survey questions. The final question will prompt you to upload the test results you receive via email. You can upload a screenshot or the PDF you receive. If you upload a screenshot, you must include the full results letter from Quidel.

Test To Stay Program

The Test to Stay (TTS) program is an alternative to quarantine due to close contact of a positive COVID individual for those who are not fully vaccinated. It is an important option to allow students and staff who test negative daily for up to eight days (8) days from the first day of exposure to remain in school or at work. Test results must be uploaded prior to the start of school/work the next day. If the results are uploaded correctly, your child (or staff member) may attend school/work and activities for that day only. The test must be repeated daily and uploaded through the quarantine period which is provided by the school nurse or the Division of Public Health.

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The name and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form. Only the email you enter is part of your response.

*** Required**

Email *

Your email

First name of tested individual *

Your answer

Last name of tested individual *

Your answer

School your child attends (if BSD staff member, identify location where you work) *

Talley Middle School ▼

Date of COVID test *

Date

mm/dd/yyyy □

Test result *

Positive

Negative

Provide a screen shot (full image of test result letter required) or upload the PDF file of COVID test results. Name, date, and test result must be included in any attachment. *

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5. Select “submit” to complete the survey.
6. The Technology Helpdesk is available for any questions and can be reached at 302-529-3100 during normal business hours. If you are calling after hours, please leave a message and someone will return your phone call the following morning.
7. If you are still encountering any issues inputting your information, email the school nurse and copy the school principal on the email.

Sample Daily Chart

Day Number	Quidel Test	Event	Example	Day of the Week
0	✓	Date of Close Contact	12/8/21 Test in the evening	Wednesday
1	✓	May come to school	12/9/21 Test in the evening	Thursday
2	✗	May come to school	12/10/21 No test needed in evening	Friday
3	✗	May come to school	12/11/21 No test needed in evening	Saturday
4	✓	May come to school	12/12/21 Test in the evening	Sunday
5	✓	May come to school	12/13/21 Test in the evening	Monday
6	✓	May come to school	12/14/21 Test in school during the day	Tuesday
7	✓	May come to school	12/15/21 Test in the evening	Wednesday
8		Return to School	12/16/21	Thursday
No further testing				