

WYANDANCH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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December 29, 2021

Dear Wyandanch Families:

I hope you have enjoyed the holiday week. I'm sure that many of you have been following the increasing rates of COVID-19 positivity in Suffolk County. Additionally, there have been ongoing reports in the media regarding changes to state and local guidance and protocols as they pertain to schools. Based on meetings with State and County officials over the last two days, I would like to share the following:

1. Home Test Kit Availability and Distribution – In brief, test kits will be made available to school districts statewide. The exact count and the date on which they will arrive are not clear, but we do expect them to arrive next week. At that time, we will inventory them and make them available to those interested in pick-up. (These kits will not be sent home with students.) Additional information on kit distribution will follow.

2. Test to Stay Protocol – The Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) is preparing to adopt a Test to Stay protocol, which will provide individual school districts with the option to adopt the County approved program after preparing a written plan. We expect formal communication from the SCDHS in this regard shortly and will keep you posted on next steps.

3. Reduced Quarantine/Isolation Period for Staff Only – As of December 24, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) allows for asymptomatic, fully-vaccinated staff members to return to work after 5 days instead of 10. This does not apply to students at this point.

As previously expressed, while we remain prepared for all possibilities, we do not plan to shift to remote learning. If it becomes a logistical necessity due to staffing constraints, we will communicate this change no later than Friday, December 31st. We ask that you continue to report all positive COVID-19 cases to your principal or use the form available on the district website and ParentSquare.

If you or your family members are experiencing symptoms, please be sure to seek medical attention prior to returning to school. We want our student scholars, staff and faculty safe, healthy and in school.

I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy New Year ahead!

Honored to be your Superintendent,

Dr. Gina Talbert

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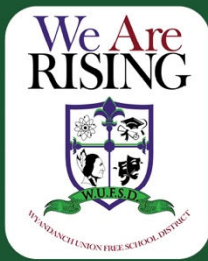
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Estimadas familias de Wyandanch:

Espero que hayas disfrutado de la semana festiva. Estoy seguro de que muchos de ustedes han estado siguiendo las crecientes tasas de positividad de COVID-19 en el condado de Suffolk. Además, ha habido informes continuos en los medios de comunicación sobre cambios en las guías y protocolos estatales y locales en lo que respecta a las escuelas. Basado en reuniones con funcionarios del estado y del condado durante los últimos dos días, me gustaría compartir lo siguiente:

1. Disponibilidad y distribución de kits de prueba en el hogar - En resumen, los kits de prueba estarán disponibles para los distritos escolares de todo el estado. El recuento exacto y la fecha en la que llegarán no están claros, pero esperamos que lleguen la semana que viene. En ese momento, haremos un inventario y los pondremos a disposición de los interesados para que los recojan. (Estos kits no se enviarán a casa con los estudiantes). A continuación, se proporcionará información adicional sobre la distribución del kit.

2. Protocolo Test to Stay - El Departamento de Servicios de Salud del Condado de Suffolk (SCDHS) se está preparando para adoptar un protocolo Test to Stay, que brindará a los distritos escolares individuales la opción de adoptar el programa aprobado por el condado después de preparar un plan escrito. Esperamos una comunicación formal del SCDHS a este respecto en breve y lo mantendremos informado sobre los próximos pasos.

3. Período reducido de cuarentena / aislamiento solo para el personal: a partir del 24 de diciembre, el Departamento de Salud del Estado de Nueva York (NYSDOH) permite que los miembros del personal asintomáticos y completamente vacunados regresen al trabajo después de 5 días en lugar de 10. Esto no se aplica a los estudiantes en este punto.

Como se expresó anteriormente, aunque seguimos preparados para todas las posibilidades, no planeamos cambiar al aprendizaje remoto. Si se convierte en una necesidad logística debido a limitaciones de personal, comunicaremos este cambio a más tardar el viernes 31 de diciembre. Le pedimos que continúe informando todos los casos positivos de COVID-19 a su director o utilice el formulario disponible en el sitio web del distrito y ParentSquare.

Si usted o los miembros de su familia experimentan síntomas, asegúrese de buscar atención médica antes de regresar a la escuela. Queremos que nuestros estudiantes, personal y profesores estén seguros, saludables y en la escuela.

¡Les deseo a usted y a su familia un feliz y saludable año nuevo!

Honrada de ser su Superintendente,

Dra. Gina Talbert

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