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Dear Families,

Our school communities remain safe following spring recess. We thank you for using the COVID-19 home tests that were distributed earlier this month. As cases rise again across New York City, we will continue to provide every student with four COVID-19 home tests each week until further notice. Two tests are for use on your child and two are for a family member to use. Please use these tests every week, at least five days apart, unless experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. Please note, if there is a classroom exposure your child will still receive two test kits and a notification letter from the Situation Room, and would then receive two more test kits during the week.

If you or anyone in your household tests positive, we are very pleased that safe, effective COVID-19 treatments, including anti-viral medications, are available for some individuals ages 12 and older who test positive. You can access these medications through your doctor or health care provider, or you can call 212-COVID19 to discuss treatment options with a medical professional. Treatment works best when it is started as soon as possible after symptoms start and can help reduce symptoms and help to avoid hospitalization. For more information, please see

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/treatments-available.pdf> for additional information.

What should I do if my child tests positive on one of the tests?

- Kindergarten and older: Please inform your school and isolate your child at home for five days. Your child may return to school on the sixth day if they have no symptoms or their symptoms are improving (including being fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication). Your child must wear a well-fitting mask while at school through the tenth day after their positive test.
- Pre-K and younger: please inform your school/program and isolate your child at home for ten days. Your child may return to your school/program after the tenth day.
- For all ages:
 - Please remember that if your child tests positive, your child is entitled to asynchronous remote learning and Office Hours for the duration of your child's isolation period.
 - Please refer to our COVID-19 Guidance Charts, available at schools.nyc.gov/2022Health for additional steps to take if your child tests positive.

Where can I find instructions about the test kit?

- The test kits come with printed instructions that you should follow when administering the test. You can also watch videos in multiple languages on how to use your test kit at schools.nyc.gov/HomeRapidTestKits.

Please make sure your child completes the daily health screening form every day, available at healthscreening.schools.nyc.gov.

As a reminder, vaccination is the best tool we have to fight COVID-19 and keep our schools safe for all our students. Children ages 5 and older are eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19. If your child is eligible but not yet vaccinated against COVID-19, please make an appointment for vaccination at vaccinefinder.nyc.gov or call 311 to find a vaccine site near you. The vaccine is free to all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration or insurance status.

Vaccine booster shots are also now available for all fully vaccinated people ages 12 and older who received the second dose of a two-dose vaccine at least five months ago. For more information about booster shots, see www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19vaccines.page#boost.

Thank you for your continued partnership,



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