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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Remsen's *Test to Stay* plan was approved by the Oneida County Health Department on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Under this plan, students deemed a close contact at school will be able to remain in school provided that they are tested on a designated schedule to ensure that they remain healthy.

To be eligible for *Test to Stay*, a student must be deemed a close contact to a positive individual at school or on a school bus. Students exposed to a positive individual at home, outside of school, are not eligible to participate, per the Oneida County Health Department and the New York State Department of Health. The exposed student must remain asymptomatic and be tested a designated number of times during their *Test to Stay* period. Please remember that the *Test to Stay* program will be optional for parents. A parent may request to keep their child out of school for the required pre-cautionary quarantine period instead of participating in *Test to Stay*. Please note that fully vaccinated students are not eligible for this program as they are already allowed to stay in school if deemed a close contact.

The *Test to Stay* plan and parent permission slip may be found on our webpage at [remsencsd.org](http://remsencsd.org). If a student qualifies for this program, the student's parent/guardian will be contacted by our school nurse to explain the program and arrange for the parent to sign the OCHD permission slip and pick up the required *Test to Stay* packet. If you would like to proactively complete the *Test to Stay* permission slip for your child, please complete the form that can be found at the end of our *Test to Stay* plan on our webpage and return to the school nurse. If you would like a hard copy, please call either office to request the same. Filling out the form proactively would allow the student to be tested and stay in school if they are deemed a close contact, instead of requiring that the parent drive to school immediately to sign the permission slip or to bring the child home.

There continues to be questions regarding the recent quarantine and isolation information and announcements from the CDC, New York State Department of Health, and our Oneida County Health Department. As of this writing, isolation and quarantine periods for school students have not been changed. We will be sure to let you know of any changes as soon as we receive notification from the New York State Department of Health.

As always, please be sure to keep your child home if they are exhibiting any symptoms of illness and call the school nurse. Please remember that positive home test results must be reported to the school nurse and the Oneida County Health Department.

We are here for you to answer questions and help in any way we can. We will continue to keep you updated with important information. Strength, kindness, and perseverance will see us through. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Timothy Jenny  
Superintendent