

Galena USD #499: Test to Stay and Learn

(Last modified 4.10.23)

Screening and Vaccinations (Last modified 4.10.23)

- The Test to Stay and Learn plan is a cooperative effort of the school district, Kansas Department of Health and Education (KDHE), the Cherokee County Health Department (CCHD) and Community Health Clinics of Southeast Kansas (CHCSEK) to provide screening tests and access to vaccinations throughout our school community.
- Participants in the Test to Stay and Learn plan (see below) will have access to different initial screening assessments; an antigen test for COVID, an assessment for Flu A/B.
- Tests are available for students and staff wanting to be tested for any reason during school hours. At home tests will also be provided.
- Testing before and after school will be available at the nurses offices at the high school and at Spring Grove for any students or staff wanting to be tested for any reason. Testing begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. Students/staff may make arrangements with the nurse to test.

Isolation for a Positive Case (Last modified 4.10.23)

The following protocols within the Galena #499 Test to Stay and Learn are being implemented to remain consistent with current Kansas Department of Health and Cherokee County Health Department guidelines.

- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 are required to stay home from school for 5 days after the onset of symptoms. Individuals who are asymptomatic and fever free for 24 hours without medication may return to onsite school activities as early as the 6th day

Contact Tracing (Last modified 1.10.22)

- Because of the high probability individuals in public spaces are subject to widespread exposure and transmission, KDHE has provided guidelines for suspension of contact tracing in school settings. As such, the Galena USD #499 will
 - Suspend the practice of identifying close contacts.
 - Suspend the practice of providing notification of specific incidents of exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Parents (Last modified 1.10.22)

- Parents
 - Regularly monitor your children for symptoms of COVID-19 disease.
 - Do not send your child to school if they are sick or if they test positive. (see information above regarding individuals who have tested positive)
 - Notify the school if your child tests positive.
 - Tests will continue to be available at the school.
 - Individuals displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be required to test to participate in school activities.

In short...if you feel ill, don't come to school. If your child is ill, don't send them to school.