



ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

Go to <https://www.ethosbacktoschool.com/>
to register your student for voluntary
COVID-19 testing for this school year.

Daviess County School District has partnered with Ethos Labs (Newport, KY) to create a COVID-19 testing program that will ensure a safe return to school. This is a completely voluntary program that is supported by the State, so there is no cost to you or the school district. We politely request that you enroll your children in this program to help accomplish the following goals for a successful school year:

1. Safe in-person learning environment for the entire school year
2. Minimize the need to quarantine children at home for extended time
3. Minimize absentee days due to COVID-19 for teachers and students

By participating in this program, you will help us achieve our goals and keep our kids safe for in-person learning throughout the year. Please take time to create an account and register your child.

Should you choose to participate, you will be able to unenroll your child from the program at any time. As always, we respect your decision and appreciate your ongoing support and participation as we strive to accomplish our goal of more in-person learning days this school year.



As a state approved laboratory, Ethos Laboratories is proud to partner with Daviess County School District for the 2021-2022 school year, providing FDA EUA COVID-19 PCR testing to students and staff who voluntarily request to be tested at school or at an Ethos site. Voluntary tests will be provided at no cost to students or staff to help keep students in the classroom, athletes in the game, and everyone in the learning



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DCPS Families and Staff -

The Daviess County Public Schools district remains committed to providing in-person teaching and learning for students in a safe and healthy environment, with a minimum of disruptions caused by quarantines and contact tracing.

Toward that goal, we have partnered with Ethos Labs to offer a safe, efficient testing process called “Test to Stay” that will allow students and staff to remain in school even if they have come into contact with a person who tests positive for COVID-19, as long as they remain asymptomatic.

“Test to Stay” involves a simple, non-invasive nasal swab (this is NOT the deep sinus penetration swab) that will be administered each morning for five school days. (Testing will be done at the school prior to the start of classes each morning.) Results are available immediately. If results show negative, the student/staff member may remain in school. (If results are positive, the person will go home and wait for results of an optional follow-up test that is more thorough, or they may remain in quarantine for 10 days.)

“Test to Stay” is completely optional. For parents/guardians who may want to implement this process to avoid having to quarantine their child for 10 days if s/he comes into contact with a positive case, we ask you to complete a simple authorization form that will allow us to proceed with testing your child once the process is implemented, which we anticipate will begin Oct. 11. The advance authorization form will help to expedite the process rather than having to send students home and wait for parents/guardians to complete the form. The form is available [HERE](#) or click the link at the top or bottom of this message.

It is important to note that the “Test to Stay” program is available to our district only because DCPS continues to require universal masking for all students and staff in our schools. This program is supported by the Kentucky Department for Public Health and is in compliance with our ongoing work in the area of health, wellness and safety.

“Test to Stay” is designed to support a safe in-person learning environment for your child for the entire school year, and to minimize the need to quarantine students or staff for extended periods. We hope you will give this option careful consideration. If you have any questions, review the attached PDF or click [HERE](#) to learn more, contact your child’s school, or contact your family health care provider. More information about our DCPS COVID-19 operations plan is posted on our website at www.dcps.org

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