







# Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District

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To: APW Parents/Guardians  
From: Lynn K. Rhone, Superintendent  
Date: January 5, 2022  
Re: Rapid Tests received from NYS

Hello APW families!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays!

Yesterday, APW received test kits from NYS. We have been instructed to use the test kits in the following ways:

1. Use tests for Test-to-Stay in School method
2. Give one box (two kits per box) to each student enrolled in school

We did not receive enough test kits to supply every student with a kit, therefore we will be using the kits for #1 The Test-to-Stay in School method.

### **Test-to-Stay in School method**

**Use the kits for students who have been a close contact of a COVID positive case – in school but show no symptoms of COVID.**

*This will greatly reduce the number of students that need to stay out of school for 10 days simply because they were designated as a close contact in school by the Health Department. The protocol for Test-to-Stay in School requires the student to be tested three (3) times over a seven day period. Students who are in the Test-to-Stay in School protocol are allowed to ride the school bus. Parents who give us permission can have their student tested before the school day begins; negative results allow the student to stay in school that day and until the next test. If a student tests positive, parents will be required to pick their student up and keep him/her quarantined per Health Department Guidance.*

We will begin the **Test-to-Stay in School on Monday, January 10, 2022**. If you receive word from the school that your child has been quarantined due to a contact in school – you can arrange with your school nurse to have your child tested throughout the quarantine period to stay in school.

I know that this can all be very confusing--- that is the time we are living in right now. If you should have any question about the contents of this communication, please feel free to call me at 315-625-5252 or email me [lrhone@apw.cnyric.org](mailto:lrhone@apw.cnyric.org)