



WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Families,

Good afternoon! Effective January 31, 2022 the District will transition to the following testing options:

- **At-Home Rapid Antigen Testing**
 - o Students who opt-in to this initiative will be sent home with at-home test kits bi-weekly on Thursday starting February 3rd. Click on your child's school below to opt-in for them to receive a kit.
 - [SMK](#)
 - [WMS](#)
 - [WJSHS](#)
 - o Administer one test on Sunday
 - [Click here](#) for a video on how to test
 - If the test result is positive, report the result to your child's school nurse. Anyone who tests positive will need to stay home and isolate for 5 days.
- **Routine COVID Safety Checks**
 - o Weekly tests done in school on Wednesday
 - o Sign up at <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma>
- **Symptomatic Testing**
 - o If a student develops symptoms while at school, a rapid test will be administered.
 - o Sign up for symptomatic testing at <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma>

As part of this shift in the program, we are discontinuing Test and Stay and contact tracing for in-school close contacts. This means that if your child is a potential contact in school, they may continue to come to school and do not have to quarantine. This new at-home testing opportunity is voluntary and only those who opt-in will receive tests. Participation in all test options is not required.

Taking part in this new option will assist us twofold, 1) this approach will take the burden off our nurses who can now focus on those individuals who test positive for COVID, and 2) adding this additional testing along with our safety check (pooled) testing will provide us two tests per week to identify any positive cases.

Stay well,

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