

# WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Good Afternoon,

Happy New Year Webutuck CSD Families.

Please take a moment to review this important update regarding the availability of free at Home COVID-19 Test Kits.

New York State Governor Kathy Hochul announced in a press briefing earlier this week that New York State would be distributing COVID-19 Home Test Kits to test every school-aged student throughout the state shortly after the December break. The Governor has shared that these kits are being provided to support our mutual goal of keeping children in schools. These kits were received by Dutchess County and distributed to the Webutuck CSD on Sunday afternoon.

Today, your child will be sent home with a test kit. We will only be able to distribute one test kit per student in each household. While the purpose of receiving these tests is to provide a testing opportunity for our students, you are not required to test your child(ren) in order to return to school.

Also, the District will be implementing a Test to Stay (TTS) program this week. If identified as a close contact **DUE TO A SCHOOL EXPOSURE**, unvaccinated individuals will be able to continue to come to school for the regular school day, so long as they (or their family if under 18) consents to COVID testing monitoring, which will be conducted at school using the rapid tests sent to us by the state. **(Students would not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or interscholastic sports during their identified quarantine period.)**. These tests will occur at regular intervals during the seven day period following exposure. Thank you again for all of your continued support of our district, students, and staff!

Sincerely,

Raymond Castellani  
Superintendent

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