

January 18, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The district will hold a second drive-through COVID test distribution this Wednesday and Thursday for those parents/guardians who wish to have home tests for their district-enrolled children. This is for all interested parents/guardians - if you picked up tests at our first distribution, you can pick up additional tests this week. The process is the same as our first distribution:

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Time: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Locations: Student Last Name Begins With A-L: MS/IS Main Entrance
Student Last Name Begins With M-Z: MS/IS Field House Entrance (back entrance)

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm

Location: Student Last Name Begins With A-Z: MS/IS Field House Entrance

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Time: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Locations: Student Last Name Begins With A-L: MS/IS Main Entrance
Student Last Name Begins With M-Z: MS/IS Field House Entrance

You do not need to exit your vehicle. We will have staff members onsite assisting with traffic. As you arrive at the school, please note the signs indicating which entrance corresponds to which part of the alphabet and go to the line for your student's last name. We will distribute one box of two tests per district-enrolled student. If you have more than one child, you need only go to one line to pick up tests for each of your students.

To reiterate, the state is providing these tests to those parents/guardians who would like them. They are not required. We ask that you assist the district by monitoring your child and keeping them home if they exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19.

If you would like test kits but are in isolation/quarantine on these days, please contact the district office for assistance at hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com or 607-739-5601, x4260 or x4295. If you cannot make a pickup day, please contact the district office to make other arrangements for pickup.

What to do with test results

As we updated last week, Chemung County now accepts positive COVID home test results.

- If your child tests positive, report the result, as well as any direct contacts, to the county through their new reporting portal at this link: <https://forms.chemungcountyny.gov/covidpaperwork/>. **Please also contact your school nurse.**
- If your child has symptoms but tests negative on a home test, please contact your medical provider to make arrangements for an alternative diagnosis or additional testing. If your child gets an alternative diagnosis or a negative test from your medical provider, the child may only return to school once they are 24 hours with no symptoms.

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Note: The home tests do not fulfill the requirements of the Test to Stay (TTS) protocol for students who are on quarantine due to an exposure while school is in session. Test to Stay testing must be administered by school personnel. More information on TTS can be found here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDDTestToStayStrategy.cfm>.

We remind you that the district's most up to date procedures and protocols are on our website at this link: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDDhealthsafetyguide2021-22.cfm>. If you have questions, please contact your school office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Douglas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "D".

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools