



January 3, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As a follow up to our email last week, the district has received our allocation of home COVID tests from the state. These are available for those who wish to have a home test for their students. To get these tests to those parents/guardians who are interested, we will hold a drive-through distribution this week at the Middle/Intermediate School (MS/IS) on Sing Sing Road. Here are the details:

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

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

Location: 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)

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

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

Location: Student Last Name Begins With A-Z	MS/IS Field House Entrance
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Wednesday, January 5, 2022

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

Location: 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 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 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.

We can distribute the tests to parents/guardians of district-enrolled students only. If you would like a home test for your child(ren) and cannot make a pickup day, please contact your school's main office.

What to do with test results

These home tests are for screening purposes only and are being distributed at the direction of the state. Chemung County does not accept home test results. If your child tests positive on the home test, the county requires that you go to a medical provider for a confirmatory test. Please contact your child's school if your child tests positive on the home test or a test through a medical provider.

If your child has symptoms and tests negative using the home test, please take your child to a medical provider for a confirmatory test or alternative diagnosis.

Negative test results for students without symptoms do not need to be reported.

Note: The home tests do not fulfill the requirements of the Test to Stay 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.

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Please also note if you are interested in a booster vaccine:

The Chemung County Health Department will be at the Middle/Intermediate School Friday, January 7 from 4-6pm for the second-shot clinic for those who participated in December. If your child received a first dose that day, you need simply go to the school for the second shot. The Health Department is also offering appointments for booster vaccines for Pfizer and Moderna. If you or anyone eligible in your family is interested in a booster, please register at one of the links below:

Moderna Booster (18+ years of age):

<https://apps2.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=D3AB87C4C99E028CE0530A6C7C152161>

Pfizer Booster (16+ years of age):

<https://apps2.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=D3AB81BA3B0B0122E0530A6C7C151CAD>

There are limited openings for the booster doses, so if you are interested, please register as soon as possible. Please note: While the FDA has approved the booster for children age 12 and older, the Health Department is administering boosters only to people age 16 and up for Pfizer and 18 and up for Moderna. If you have questions about the vaccine, please contact your health care provider or the Health Department (607-737-2028).

As we weather this latest surge, we ask you to remember the best practices of wearing masks properly, washing hands thoroughly and often, maintaining distance when possible, and avoiding unnecessary outings. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools