



Test to Stay Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is Test to Stay?

Test to Stay is a COVID testing program designed for students in grades K-12 and staff members who are quarantined but not positive for COVID-19. COVID tests will be administered each school day (Monday-Friday) in Scott County. As long as they continue to test negative for COVID, students and staff can return to school and related activities.

What about students who attend Scott County Preschool?

At this time, Scott County Schools will offer the Test to Stay option for students in K-12 only. Preschool students enrolled at Scott County Preschool will not be able to attend school in person if they are quarantined.

Who will administer the tests?

Scott County Schools will partner with a company named Mako Medical. Medical professionals from Mako Medical will be on site at each school to administer the COVID-19 tests. Mako Medical is a vendor approved by the state of Kentucky to work with schools implementing the Test to Stay program. Learn more about Mako Medical here: <https://makomedical.com/>.

Do parents have to give consent for students to participate?

Yes. Parental consent is required for anyone under age 18.

My child is 18, do I have to give consent?

Anyone age 18 or over can give consent on their own behalf to participate in the Test to Stay program.

Can I fill out the consent form online?

The consent form can be submitted online and copies will also be available at each testing location. Parents must complete an individual form for each child who participates in the Test to Stay program. The consent form must be the form specific to the child's school.

On the day of the first COVID-19 test as part of the Test to Stay program, a parent must be present at the school testing site with their child and can complete the consent form online in advance or in person at the school.

Each school's consent form is available on the Scott County Schools website. To be clear, there is a separate form for each school in Scott County. Find them here:

<http://www.scott.kyschools.us/News/scstesttostayprogram>.

Do parents have to be present for a student to be tested for COVID-19 as part of the Test to Stay program?

On the day of the first COVID-19 test as part of the Test to Stay program, a parent must be present with their child at the school testing site. Parents must complete the consent form online or in person. By signing the consent form, the parent gives permission for the child to participate in the Test to Stay program through the duration of the quarantine. The parent does not have to be present for each follow up test after the first day.

Where can I find a consent form in Spanish?

Each school testing location will have copies of the parental consent form available in Spanish. [CLICK HERE](#) to download and print a copy of consent form in Spanish.

Can my student still ride the bus?

On the day of the first COVID-19 test, a parent must bring the child to school and be present at the testing site for the student to participate in the Test to Stay program. On this day, the student cannot ride the bus to school. As long as the student continues to participate in the Test to Stay program, takes daily COVID tests, and continues to test negative, the student may ride bus to school on each day following the initial test day.

When will my child be tested?

Mako staff will be onsite at each school location when the doors open until the last test is complete. Times vary by school but a full list of program start times is available here:

<http://www.scott.kyschools.us/News/scstesttostayprogram>.

To stay at school, quarantined (but not positive) students and staff must test at their own school location daily until the date when their quarantine lifts. If a student does not test or is late to school and misses the testing window, they cannot attend school in person on that day. The student must complete a COVID-19 test onsite at their school on the following day and receive a negative test to return to class.

If my child participates in Test to Stay, are they still quarantined?

The Test to Stay program offered by Scott County Schools does affect the duration or requirement to quarantine. The program only governs participation in school and school-related activities during the time of quarantine. Those who choose to participate in the Test to Stay program and continue to test negative are permitted to return to school and school-related activities during their quarantine but should adhere to all other expectations for quarantine put in place by medical professionals.

Can staff members participate in Test to Stay?

Yes, staff members of Scott County Schools who are required to quarantine but are not positive for COVID-19 can participate in the Test to Stay program and may return to work as long as they continue to test negative. Staff members will move to the beginning of the line when arriving to complete their COVID-19 test so they may return to work as soon as possible with a negative test result. If a staff member is required to quarantine but chooses not to participate in the Test to Stay option, they must use their own leave time to cover the days of work missed.

I am a staff member without an assigned school. Where do I test?

Staff members of Scott County Schools who are quarantined but are not assigned to an individual school should report to Elkhorn Crossing School to complete the test at the normal testing window for ECS. This includes individuals who work at Central Office and supporting departments.

Bus drivers/monitors may choose to test at the last school on their route in the morning as long as they arrive during the testing window at the school. Bus drivers/monitors also have the option to test at the ECS site.

Find the testing start times for each location here:

<http://www.scott.kyschools.us/News/scstesttostayprogram>.

I work at Scott County Preschool, where do I go to test?

Employees of Scott County Preschool who are quarantined but not positive can choose to test at the most convenient school location during the normal testing window. Find the list of testing start times at each location here <http://www.scott.kyschools.us/News/scstesttostayprogram>.

Do I have to provide an insurance card or pay for the test?

No. We will not collect insurance or billing information. As part of the Test to Stay program, COVID-19 tests are offered free of charge to participating students and staff of Scott County Schools.

What if I do not want my child to participate in Test to Stay?

The Test to Stay program is voluntary as an option for those who are quarantined but not positive for COVID-19. If a student is required to quarantine but chooses not to participate in Test to Stay, normal rules will apply for the duration of the quarantine. The student will not be permitted to attend school or school-related activities in person until the required quarantine is over.

Where will the test be administered?

Each school will set up their own testing site that will provide convenient access for students and staff to complete the daily COVID-19 test and await results.

What if my child tests positive?

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the student will be sent home and required to self-isolate according to directions from the school nurse or other medical provider.

I am a staff member. What if I test positive?

If a staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the staff member will be sent home and required to self-isolate according to directions from the school nurse or other medical provider. Staff must use personal leave time.

What if an individual participating in the Test to Stay program shows symptoms of COVID-19?

Anyone presenting symptoms of COVID-19 will not be able to participate in the Test to Stay program and must follow guidelines outlined in the Scott County Schools Decision Matrix as directed by the school nurse. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the SCS Decision Matrix.

How will teachers know that students have tested negative and are permitted to return to class?

Schools will provide a pass to students who test negative that will let teachers know they are able to return to class.

What if I do not want my child to participate in Test to Stay at the beginning of their quarantine but I change my mind?

A parent may change their mind and give consent for their child to participate at any time by bringing the child to their school during the testing time. The parent must sign the consent form and attend the first test with their child.

Participation is voluntary. If a student is required to quarantine but is not positive and chooses not to participate in the Test to Stay program, the student is prohibited from attending school or school-related activities for the duration of the quarantine.

What if my child is absent and misses a testing day? Can they return to school the following day and continue the Test to Stay program?

Upon their return to school, the student must take a COVID-19 test during the normal testing timeframe at the school and may return to class if they test negative.

Will my child miss class to take the COVID test?

Testing will begin as soon as the doors open at each school facility. However, depending on the number of participants, there may be a wait time that would result in a student missing a small portion of their first class. Students will be provided a pass to return to class and will not be counted tardy.

How will the results be communicated?

Mako will document results in a portal accessible by school nurses. Students will be notified of their results and be given a pass to return to class if they test negative. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, parents will be contacted and the student will have to be picked up from school.

Can my child continue to participate in extracurricular activities?

Those who choose to participate in the Test to Stay program and continue to test negative are permitted to attend school and school-related activities.

If my child tests negative has to quarantine because a member of my family has tested positive for COVID-19, can they still participate in Test to Stay?

Yes. Any student who is quarantined for any reason (but is not positive) may choose the Test to Stay option as long as they complete daily tests and continue to test negative and no symptoms are present.

After the start of Test to Stay, will Scott County Schools still require universal masking?

Yes. The Test to Stay option will not change or alter mask expectations for all students, staff, and visitors of Scott County Schools.

What about weekends and holidays?

Scott County Schools will provide daily COVID-19 tests at each school, Monday-Friday when school is in session. There will be no testing on weekends or holidays or when school is closed. Testing will resume on the next school day.

What if my child is late to school and misses the testing window?

If your child misses the testing window at their school, they cannot attend school in person on that day. These students must report to school during the normal testing time the next school day. If they test negative, they will be able to return to class.

My child has an early morning class. How will they be able to participate in Test to Stay?

For the first test, your child will have to miss their early morning class and arrive at the school with a parent during the normal testing window. As long as the student tests negative, they may attend the early morning class on the following day and then report to the testing location to complete the daily COVID-19 test after their early morning class. They will continue this pattern for the duration of their quarantine.

Who will supervise the testing procedure?

Staff of Mako Medical will administer the COVID-19 tests and school staff will be on hand to supervise students and provide passes to return to class for students who test negative. SCS staff will contact parents if students test positive and must be picked up from school.

Can I take my child to another location to test?

No. Tests must be done at the school of attendance. Students may not test at another school site and may not submit results of a test completed from an off campus provider to participate in the Test to Stay program.

What type of test will be given?

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, a rapid test will be given at each SCS testing location. On Thursday of each week, a rapid test will be given to anyone who is taking their first test that day and a PCR test will be given for all other participants.

When will results be available?

Rapid tests will be available in about 15 minutes and PCR tests will be available within 24 hours.

Why are you giving both tests?

SCS is one of few districts administering daily tests at each school as part of our Test to Stay program. Only one test can be given per participant per day. Administering both types of tests throughout the week is an added measure to ensure accurate test results.

The form asks for a student identification number. What do I put?

Mako Medical provides an online template for school districts that includes a space for student ID numbers. The student ID number is not a required field. You can leave it blank if you do not know your child's ID number. For your reference, the student ID number can be found on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal and on report cards.

Can subs participate in Test to Stay?

Yes. Substitutes employed by Scott County Schools who are quarantined but not positive can participate in the Test to Stay option by reporting to any SCS testing site during the testing window. Subs who are quarantined must complete a daily test and receive a negative test result before reporting to a school to work for the day. Find the list of testing start times at each location here: <http://www.scott.kyschools.us/News/scstesttostayprogram>.

I have additional questions not listed in this FAQ. Who do I contact?

You may contact Renee Holmes at Central Office with additional questions at (502)570-3059 or renee.holmes@scott.kyschools.us.