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Superintendent of Schools

Jonathan Ponds, Ed.D.

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Dear Families, Caregivers and Staff,

Test to Stay Guidelines for Unvaccinated Individuals

After careful review and in consultation with the Montclair Health Department, the district is adopting the new [Test to Stay](#) guidance released by the NJDOH and CDC on March 25. Effective immediately, asymptomatic (symptom-free), unvaccinated close contact students and staff may now **remain in school to continue their in-person instruction without a quarantine period** as explained below.

If you are **unvaccinated** and identified as a **close contact**:

- Students and staff will need to take a COVID-19 test the day they are identified. Provided they test negative and are asymptomatic, they may continue in-person instruction and **must wear a mask for 10 days**.
- A second COVID-19 test is required on **Day 5** to remain in school for in-person instruction. **All test results are to be reported in writing (email) to the school nurse and include the date of the test.**
- If individuals choose **not** to test, they will be subject to the five-day quarantine period.
- Those who are currently in quarantine without symptoms can get tested and return to school **with a mask for 10 days** following the date of exposure.

The district provides testing at the Annex Atrium on **Tuesdays and Fridays** from **4 to 6 PM** and beginning **April 4**, we are adding **Monday** as a third testing day. Also, aligned with new guidance, the district now accepts home tests. For additional testing locations, please see the attached listing.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jonathan Ponds