Hello Parents/Guardians,

Like many schools across the state, OPA is seeing a current increase in COVID-19 cases at Ogden Preparatory Academy.  As of 9/13/2021, we have 12 individuals testing positive for COVID-19.

We would like to make you aware of Senate Bill 107 that requires that schools perform a Test to Stay event when reaching a certain threshold:

## TEST TO STAY EVENT

Senate Bill 107 requires schools to do a Test to Stay event when:

- Schools with fewer than 1,500 students have 30 students/staff test positive for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days.
- When a school meets the Test to Stay thresholds, OPA in consultation with Utah Department of Health and Weber-Morgan Health Department will work together to offer testing for all students.
- OPA will be sending more information about the logistics of a testing event when numbers get closer to the threshold requirement.
- Please click on the following link to complete the permission slip to test your student(s). You will need to fill out a permission slip for each individual student. This helps the school to move quickly to hold a testing event if the outbreak threshold is met and helps to prevent disruptions to in-classroom learning.

Link for Permission to Test: https://redcap.link/utah.gov-OgdenPrepAcademy

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. **Who should participate in Test to Stay?**
   - Students who are in isolation when the Test to Stay event is held do not need to participate.
   - Students who are quarantining at home when the Test to Stay event is held do not need to participate. However, these students should be encouraged to get tested on their own because they have had a recent exposure to COVID-19. These students should finish their quarantine, even if their test result is negative.
   - School staff are not required to participate in Test to Stay but can do so if they choose. They are expected to continue their normal job duties in-person if they choose not to get tested or test negative. They should isolate at home if they test positive or follow quarantine guidelines if they were exposed to COVID-19.
   - All students who attended at least some school in-person within the previous 14 days should participate in Test to Stay.

2. **What if my Student misses the testing event at the school?**
   - They may get tested at a testing provider of their choice.
   - This testing should be done within the same 2-days as the school Test to Stay event.
   - There are many free testing locations across the state, listed at https://coronavirus.utah.gov/utah-covid-19-testing-locations.
   - Students should show proof of the test result to the school. This documentation should include the student's name, testing location, date of the test, type of test, and test result. At home PCR or antigen test results will not be allowed.

3. **Will OPA obtain parental permission prior to testing?**
   - Before COVID-19 testing is administered to a student, (school) will get written permission from the student's parent or guardian.
   - (school) will state on the permission document that parents are giving permission to test a student for the duration of the school year.
   - This helps the school move quickly to hold a testing event if the outbreak threshold is met and prevent disruptions to in-classroom learning.
   - A parent may revoke permission for their student's participation in testing events at any time during the school year by notifying the school in writing.

4. **How will we be notified of testing results?**
   - Parents can elect to receive email notifications of test results.

5. **When will testing occur?**
   - When the threshold is met and with support from the local health department, a testing event will be set up and administered during school hours.

6. **Will my test results be reported to the Utah Department of Health?**
   - COVID-19 is reportable by law, under Utah Code Annotated § 26-6-1 et seq., the Utah Communicable Disease Control Act, and Utah Administrative Code R386-702 Communicable Disease Rule, to the Utah Department of Health or the local health department in the health district where the individual lives. This means a person's COVID-19 test results must be reported to public health by the provider or testing location where the person was tested.

7. **What Actions will be taken based on the person's test results?**
   - The Utah Department of Health recommends all students who test negative and continue attending in-person instruction wear masks while at school for 2 weeks after a Test to Stay event. Staff should also wear masks at school for 2 weeks following Test to Stay events.
   - **Test positive:** Students who test positive must isolate at home. They may return to in-person learning after they are done with their isolation period (10 days from the day of the test). The Test to Stay option has different

timeframes for when a person who tests positive should start isolation. If you test positive as part of Test to Stay, your isolation begins the day you are tested, not when your symptoms begin. You must isolate at home even if you don't get symptoms.

- **Test negative:** Students may continue in-person learning if they test negative and do not have any symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Did not participate:** Students who did not participate should quarantine at home for 10 days. They may return to in-person learning after 10 days.

8. **What type of Test will be administered?**
   - Schools will be administering the BinaxNOW rapid antigen test, which will be provided to the schools at no cost. To perform the test, a nasal swab specimen is collected from the patient by a cotton swab, taking a sample from both sides of the nose. The test is minimally invasive. Test results are interpreted visually at 15 minutes. The type of test may change, depending on test availability.

All Test to Stay Guidance obtained from Coronavirus.Utah.gov & Utah Department of Health.

Please know that we are in constant contact with the Weber- Morgan Health Department and the State of Utah and will always do our best to keep you informed with changing information. Thank you for your patience.

Ogden Preparatory Academy