What is TEST To STAY?

TEST TO STAY is a screening tool for students and staff who have been identified as close contacts to a Covid positive individual in the **school-setting**. The students and staff who qualify for the test to stay program are not experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19-they have only been exposed.

This Rapid Antigen test will be given in school with parent permission and only requires a swab of the nasal passages (only about 1 inch deep-this does not hurt and the sample is thrown away immediately following the test). This test gives results in about 10 minutes.

If individuals who were exposed to Covid are negative on this test, the student or staff may stay in school instead of being sent home to quarantine. That person would then have a follow- up test a few days later. The schedule would look like this:

Test 1: Within the 2nd to 4th day after exposure

Test 2: Within the 5th to 7th day after exposure.

If the student or staff member remains negative on the test, they do not have to quarantine.

If the close contacts are showing symptoms, they will be sent home to finish quarantine and consult with their doctor.

What Test to Stay is NOT:

Test to Stay is Not a test for students and staff who are ill to determine if they have Covid-19. Please do not send sick children to school expecting that they will be tested-this is for close contacts in the school setting only. Students or staff who develop symptoms in school will be sent home to isolate and consult with their doctor.

Test to Stay is Not a test for students and staff who were exposed to Covid-19 by individuals in their household or within the community (these people would still need to quarantine).

Test to Stay is not a pooled test (a whole group test) as indicated on the consent form. BASD will only be utilizing individual tests that will be discarded immediately afterward.