

Bradford Area School District

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Dear BASD Parents and Guardians:

At Monday's meeting, our School Board approved the use of the Test to Stay screening program to manage student exposures to COVID-19 in the **school setting**. This testing program is intended to help us to keep our students in the classroom setting while maintaining a safe learning environment for all. Testing will not be utilized with your child if you do not opt into the program and give the school district the necessary permissions we will need to proceed.

We have created a simple FAQ sheet on what the program is and what the program isn't so that everyone who opts in fully understands the capabilities. It is **NOT** a testing program for students who are ill, but rather a testing program for students who have been exposed in the school setting. The FAQ sheet can be found on our website, and as always, our Administrators and nurses can answer any questions that you may have.

If you are interested in allowing your child to participate in the Test to Stay program you will be required to fill out a consent form. **The permission form includes information on a pooled testing option - BASD will not be involved in that option-we have agreed to the Rapid Antigen Individual testing only.** Even with this permission, we will still contact parents before administering a test to make you aware that the student is a close contact and that they will be tested. This way you know that we will not limit your awareness. Please use the link <http://testcenter.concentricbyginkgo.com//minor-consent> to provide permission and enter your child's school code if you are interested in participation:

- George G. Blaisdell Elementary - **PN8JX3**
- School Street Elementary - **NTZN2R**
- Floyd Fretz Middle School - **R2ZF73**
- Bradford Area High School - **GXVHR6**
- Thank you for your continued support of our schools! Together, we can continue to provide an in-person, quality education for our students in a safe environment.

Sincerely,

Katy Pude

