## JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday December 17, 2021 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

## Test To Stay

We are planning to begin Test to Stay in the coming weeks. This means asymptomatic, unvaccinated students who have been exposed to a COVID-positive person while at school may be tested via a rapid antigen test in the morning at school. If the result is negative, the student may attend school inperson. This is great news because it will reduce the number of students who miss school due to quarantine requirements!

A detailed description of this program can be found on the Agency of Education <u>Test to Stay website</u>. Parents/Guardians **must complete both parts** below if you want your child to be part of our district's Test to Stay program. We request that you sign your child up by December 15 to make sure they can participate.

- 1. A student can only participate in Test to Stay if their parent/guardian has given consent. If you would like your child to participate in the response testing, including the antigen Test to Stay program, please complete the <u>Consent webform</u> as soon as possible.
- 2. Vermont will be using SimpleReport to report the results of antigen tests. This reporting system allows for parents/guardians to receive their student's results instantly. Sign up for SimpleReport here.

Students will only participate in our TTS program IF they were exposed to a COVID+ person while at school. You will be notified if you child is considered a close contact and will be informed about the timeline for conducting Test to Stay if you would like them to continue coming to school in person. If the rapid antigen test result is positive, your child must be picked up from school right away.

## **Surveillance Testing**

We will continue with weekly surveillance testing as well. This is for all students and staff regardless of vaccination status. You can sign up your student for surveillance testing here.

## Important Dates

<u>December 23rd - 31st</u> *No School* <u>Monday, January 3, 2022</u>

