



Akron Central School District

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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Akron Central School District Parents, Students, and Staff:

New York State has provided schools with COVID-19 antigen home testing kits to be distributed to families of school-age children before the February 21-25 Mid-Winter Recess.

Test kits will be available for pick up in the foyer of the main flag pole entrance of the building on Thursday, February 17, 2022, from 4:00-6:30 p.m.

To be clear, there is no requirement that families test their children with these test kits, but they are encouraged to do so as part of a wider strategy to minimize the spread of the virus. Families that choose to participate in this at-home testing program are asked to report a *positive result only* to our school nurses. Erie County residents are also reminded to submit the results to the [ECDOH Positive COVID-19 Home Test Reporting Form](#).

On a related note, we are pleased to inform you that the Test to Stay program is providing an effective strategy to keep children that were exposed to a positive case in school rather than being placed in quarantine. Recently, the NYSDOH has changed its guidance to allow students in the TTS program to participate in extracurricular activities provided they have a negative test result during their quarantine period.

As always, thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. McCabe