

Dear USD 439 Families:

On September 29th, the USD 439 Board of Education approved the Stay to Learn, Play, and Participate program. This program approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Harvey County Health Department provides daily testing which allows students deemed as high-risk contacts and are experiencing no symptoms to remain in school and activities provided, they receive a negative result from the daily tests.

Daily test information:

- This program is voluntary.
- Quarantined students will test each morning between 7:00 and 7:45.
- A permission form signed by a legal guardian is required for each participant before starting the program.
- The COVID-19 Test to Stay, Play, and Participate Agreement form must be completed and signed by the student and legal guardian.
- The testing program is available to those who are not experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.
- Students in the program will test each day through their quarantine period.
- A rapid, antigen test will be used which provides results in about 15 minutes.
- The district cannot provide transportation for students participating in the daily testing program. The student's transportation must remain available until test results are known, in case the student must return home.
- Students who test negative will receive a pass that allows them to attend school for that day.
- Students who test negative will report directly to the office upon entry to the building.
- All students taking part in the daily testing program must:
  - If activity/event is outdoors and contact may remain 6 feet or more from others, masks are not required.
  - If events are on a Saturday or Sunday of quarantine period, individual must be tested prior to participation.
  - Masking is required when contact is in huddles, close quarters, or indoors.
  - Masks are required while being transported in a school vehicle.
- Should a student test positive, they will be required to return home and enter a quarantine/isolation period according to Harvey County Health Department (HCHD) guidelines. A district health office team member will follow up with the family later that day.
- Students who are quarantined due to a close contact within their household are not eligible for the daily testing program.
- If the district is forced to temporarily suspend the daily testing program, families can choose to obtain a daily test from an outside provider. The provider must be a clinic, doctor's office, or other medical facility that provides such testing. The result must be time-stamped, signed by the provider, and occur in such a timeframe that the student can attend school/participate in activities within 24 hours of the test result.

## USD 439 Testing Procedures

**Time:** 7:00 to 7:45

**Site:** Football Concessions Building

**Procedures:** The USD 439 testing process is a drive through process. Enter the north parking lot from the north and pull up to the concession to the east door. Parents and students will remain in their car. Staff will come to the car. Once the test sample is collected, each vehicle will be provided a number. The number will be placed under the vehicle's windshield wiper for each vehicle.

Parents/students will be asked to proceed around the perimeter of the parking lot as indicated on the diagram below. Once the test results are completed, staff will come to each car with the student's results. Students who have negative results will be given a pass for the day. Students who show positive results will be given further instructions at that time.

