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Dear Parents/Guardians/Faculty/Staff:

Below is some important information regarding COVID testing at Tully Schools:

- We plan on implementing a *Test to Stay (TTS) Program* at Tully Schools as soon as possible.
- Here is a link to the New York State Department of Health document defining what a *TTS Program* is: NYSDOH Test To Stay (TTS)
- The Onondaga County Health Department must issue written authorization allowing school districts in Onondaga County to implement a *TTS Program*. We anticipate they will do so soon.
- A TTS Program:
 - Applies only to asymptomatic students/faculty/staff who are quarantined due to close contact at school.
 - o Allows asymptomatic quarantined students/faculty/staff to attend school during the regular academic school day.
 - Requires asymptomatic quarantined students/faculty/staff to be tested for COVID-19 daily for seven days past most recent exposure.
- Asymptomatic quarantined students/faculty/staff participating in a TTS Program:
 - o Must be quarantined at all times outside of the regular academic school day.
 - o May use district transportation to get to and from school.
 - o May not participate in athletic or co-curricular activities.
- To implement a *TTS Program* at Tully Schools, we must:
 - o Register with the New York State Department of Health as a Limited Service Laboratory.
 - Develop written protocols, which must be approved by the Onondaga County Health Department.
 - Secure a supply of COVID-19 antigen tests. We are currently working with Onondaga County to secure these tests.

Additional TTS Program information will be forthcoming. Enjoy the weekend.

Sincerely,

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