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Good Evening and Happy New Year Wappingers CSD Families,

Please take a moment to review this important update regarding the availability of free at Home COVID-19 Test Kits.

New York State Governor Kathy Hochul announced in a press briefing earlier this week, that New York State would be distributing COVID-19 Home Test Kits to test every school aged student throughout the state shortly after the December break. The Governor has shared that these kits are being provided to support our mutual goal of keeping children in schools.

The District has been informed that the kits were received by Dutchess County earlier today. We expect to be in receipt of the COVID 19 Home Test Kits at some point during the day tomorrow and will begin distributing tests starting the week of January 3rd. In order to ensure the distribution process is effective, equitable, and efficient for all of our 10,500 students within our 15 schools, we ask that any parent or guardian who is interested in securing a kit to complete our [COVID-19 Home Test Kit Request Form](#) and submit it to us as soon as possible.

We will only be able to distribute one test kit per student in each household. If you have multiple children who attend school in our District we ask that you submit an additional request form for each child.

While the purpose of receiving these tests is to provide a testing opportunity for our students, you are not required to either claim a test or test your child in order to return to school. The District will continue to maintain our already established [Test to Stay \(TTS\) program](#) which began on November 8th. A portion of these tests kits will be utilized to continue to further support our TTS program. Please be advised that you may choose to test your child right away, or use the test (see test expiration date on test kit package) at a later time.

We have been informed that Private and Parochial schools will receive a separate order of kits from the State and that they may follow a different process for requesting / allocating tests to their families.

We will be providing additional information on Monday, January 3rd with regards to the distribution process.

Thank you again for all of your continued support of our district, students, and staff and we look forward to the return of our students on January 3.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dwight Bonk
Superintendent of Schools

The mission of the Wappingers Central School District is to empower all of our students with the competencies and confidence to challenge themselves, to pursue their passions, and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community.