



## Dartmouth Public Schools

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Dear Dartmouth Staff and Families,

I am pleased to announce that our Symptomatic Testing and Test and Stay programs are up and running across the district. The implementation of these options is a significant undertaking and has involved many people, resources and organization. As frontline workers, our nurses are being asked to take on a tremendous amount of extra work and responsibility. Fortunately, numerous other staff members have offered to help out with contact tracing, making phone calls and assist with record keeping when needed. We are grateful to all these folks for their commitment to ensuring our programs are successful.

**As a reminder it is extremely important that students and staff not come to school if experiencing symptoms while at home. It is not acceptable to send students who are ill to school expecting them to be tested by the school.** The purpose of Test and Stay is to keep students who have been identified as close contacts in school. Sending students who are not feeling well to school puts an extra burden on our health offices and has the potential to result in others being identified as close contacts.

If you have not done so already please submit a consent form for your child through the [CIC Health](#) database website. A pre-submitted consent form helps everyone expedite the Test and Stay program and supports our ability to keep your child in school.

Sincerely,

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