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K-12 SCHOOL COVID-19 TESTING PROGRAM

Carter County Schools has partnered with Ethos Laboratories in creating a K-12 School COVID-19 Testing Program. This is a voluntary program supported by the State of Kentucky, so there is no cost involved to participants or the district.

COVID-19 screening is an additional prevention strategy available for district employees and students. Screenings will help us remain open for in-person instruction, minimize the need to quarantine children for extended periods of time, and minimize absentee days due to COVID-19.

Screening testing identifies infected people, including those with or without symptoms (or before development of symptoms) who may be contagious, so that measures can be taken to prevent further transmission. In K-12 schools, screening testing can help promptly identify and isolate cases, quarantine those who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and are not fully vaccinated, and identify clusters to reduce the risk to in-person education.

How do I register for the program?

Registration instructions and the link to register are posted on the district website at www.cartercountyschools.org or you may register directly at www.ethosbacktoschool.com. After creating an account, employees and students may be enrolled in the program.

What if I change my mind?

Through your registered account, you can “opt-out” of the program at any time.

What happens after I register?

Employees and students enrolled in the program will be tested for COVID-19 once a week using a new minimally invasive nasal swab. In most cases, children and adults will swab themselves. All positive cases will be handled by the school/district. The employee or parent/guardian of a student will be notified if there is a positive case or had close contact.

There may be a future opportunity to participate in a “test to stay” program alleviating, in some instances, the length of quarantine. By enrolling in this program, the “test to stay” option, if authorized by the State of Kentucky, will be available to students, teachers, and staff.

For additional information regarding the program and testing, contact:
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