



Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will, once again, be providing FREE COVID-19 rapid antigen home test kits to Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES students in an effort to keep our component school districts and BOCES safely open for full-time in-person learning.

The OHM BOCES will be distributing iHealth test kits to interested parents and guardians of OHM BOCES students from Monday, Feb. 14 through Friday, Feb. 18 at each instructional programs main office during regular school hours. A photo ID is required for test kit pick up and test kits will be limited to one per person, meaning that you will be unable to pick-up test kits for others.

These tests are completely optional and not required. We encourage all students to participate in this voluntary testing. Being tested, even when you feel healthy, can help give students and staff peace of mind that they are healthy and able to be at school, and also allows us to prevent asymptomatic spread of COVID-19.

For an instructional video on how to use the iHealth COVID-19 antigen rapid test, please visit: https://youtu.be/qBt_H4Gc-rU

If your child receives a positive result on your iHealth antigen rapid home test, you must notify your home county Health Department and they must isolate for a minimum of 5 days (day 0 is the day symptoms start; isolation ends after day 5) or 10 days if unable to wear a well-fitting mask on days 6-10. They may return to school following completion of isolation, if they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and their and their symptoms have improved.

Please continue to self-monitor your child daily for symptoms. For further guidance regarding quarantine, please consult our OHM BOCES Quarantine and Isolation Flow Chart at <https://www.oneida-boces.org/flowchart>.

A list of additional testing locations is available on our website at <https://www.oneida-boces.org/covidtesting>.

Thank you for your continued efforts to help us maintain in-person instruction at the BOCES and our component districts!

Sincerely,

Assistant Superintendent
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