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Broome County Health Department

Jason T. Garnar, County Executive · Mary M. McFadden, Interim Director of Public Health

To: Broome County School Superintendents
From: Broome County Executive: Jason Garnar
Re: Test to Stay Adoption for Broome County Schools
Date: December 29, 2021

The purpose of this memo is to announce Broome County will be adopting the Test to Stay (TTS) protocol as a means of ensuring continuity of learning for all students and ensuring operations associated with maintaining education related staffing resources.

The current Interim NYSDOH Guidance for Classroom Instruction in P-12 Schools during the 2021-2022 School Year has been updated with testing and quarantine supplemental Information that clarifies the TTS program. TTS is a strategy that allows asymptomatic, unvaccinated school-based close contacts (e.g., students, teacher, school staff) to avoid school exclusion (but not other restrictions of quarantine) by testing negative through serial testing using a rapid NAAT or antigen tests during a seven-day period following exposure. The Broome County Health Department will allow the use of OTC antigen test kits that families may use at home for the purpose of TTS.

Broome County asks that schools/districts follow the directives in the guidance, including creating a written policy that addresses the requested conditions of the TTS as outlined in the 12/23/2021 updated testing and quarantine supplemental information memo from the New York State Department of Health.

The Broome County Health Department and Broome County Office of Emergency Services will provide any assistance, and technical guidance to school districts with the implementation of the Test to Stay program, and maintenance related activities. If you have questions regarding the TTS guidance please reach out to Mary McFadden by email: Mary.mcfadden@broomecounty.us or by phone at 607-778-3929. If you have questions related to logistics and/or resources, please reach out to Patrick Dewing by email: Patrick.Dewing@broomecounty.us or by phone at 607-778-1178.

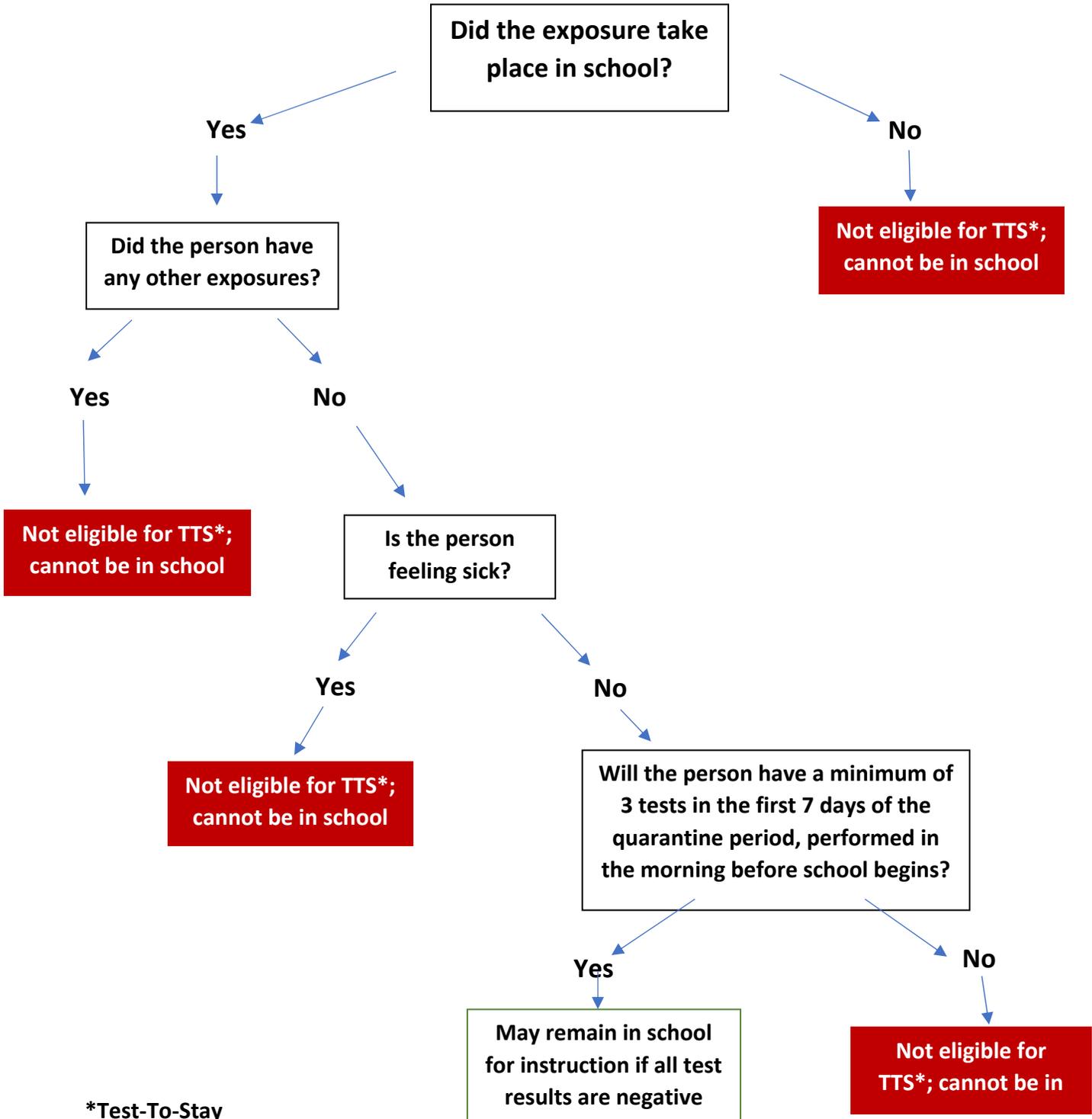
Your efforts during this difficult and unimaginable time are commendable. You continue to forge forward to preserve your essential and valuable mission of education. We want to continue to support that mission. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with such a dedicated group of respected education partners.



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Broome County Test-to-Stay Protocol

Use this chart to help determine if a student/staff member can be in the building while they are under quarantine.



*Test-To-Stay