



GALENA UNIFIED SCHOOLS DISTRICT #499

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TEST TO STAY AND LEARN UPDATED PROTOCOLS JANUARY 18, 2022

The following protocols within the Galena #499 Test to Stay and Learn are being implemented to remain consistent with current Kansas Department of Health and Cherokee County Health Department guidelines.

- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 are required to stay home from school for 5 days after the onset of symptoms. Individuals who are asymptomatic and fever free for 24 hours without medication may return to onsite school activities as early as the 6th day under the following conditions:
 - They test negative for COVID using an antigen test on the day they return. (On Day 6 or after, if the test is positive, individuals may return the following day to test again.)
 - Individuals who return to onsite instruction will continue to properly wear masks for the duration of the original 10 day isolation period during all activities.
- Because of the high probability individuals in public spaces are subject to widespread exposure and transmission, KDHE has provided guidelines for suspension of contact tracing in school settings. As such, the Galena USD #499 will
 - Suspend the practice of identifying close contacts.
 - Suspend the practice of providing notification of specific incidents of exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Parents
 - Regularly monitor your children for symptoms of COVID-19 disease.
 - Do not send your child to school if they are sick or if they test positive. (see information above regarding individuals who have tested positive)
 - Notify the school if your child tests positive.
 - Tests will continue to be available at the school.
 - Individuals displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be required to test to participate in school activities.

In short...if you feel ill, don't come to school. If your child is ill, don't send them to school.