

Covid Home Test Kits Notice  
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Over the past few days, you may have seen information come out from the Governor's office and the New York State Department of Health regarding the free New York State COVID home test kits for every student in New York State. The state's goal with these free at home NYS COVID tests is to keep children in our schools and to keep children safe in schools. These free NYS COVID home test kits were delivered from the state to our local BOCES over the weekend and received at our school today.

Please keep in mind that families are NOT required to participate in the NYS COVID home test kit program. While we absolutely want our kids and families to be safe and healthy, we want to move forward with the NYS COVID home testing kits in a thoughtful and coordinated manner.

Therefore, we have planned a main point of distribution for the optional free COVID home test kits from New York State. Tomorrow, we will be distributing the free test kits during two scheduled pickup times. Tomorrow, Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 2:00 p.m., or 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. IF you are interested in picking up a free NYS COVID home test kit, be sure to enter the Hornet Lobby of the High School with a mask on. A staff member will be present to make sure you receive a free NYS COVID home test kit for each of your child(ren).

If you are not interested in receiving a free NYS COVID home test kit, then you are not required to do anything. It is also important to note that these free NYS COVID home test kits are for families to use on their own. If you choose to administer the test you can report the results to our school nurse but as always, it is up to each family to simply do what is best for their own children and keep your children home, if they are sick. Reporting a positive result to the School Nurse will be helpful for the sake of managing quarantine protocols, but these free NYS COVID tests are simply being offered by the state to be handled by families at home for their own use.

This and more information can be found on our school website at [www.forestville.com](http://www.forestville.com)