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Dear parent/caregiver:

At The Education Cooperative (TEC) keeping your students safe and in school is our top priority. We are writing to let you know, in accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), TEC is updating our COVID-19 Testing Program, effective 1/31. We are opting into a testing program that will increase testing of our participating students and staff, regardless of vaccination status. For more information about this update to the statewide testing program, please [click here](#).

#### **An overview of the new COVID testing program:**

- TEC has received a supply of the COVID testing kits needed to test our staff and students each week.
- This new testing opportunity is voluntary and only those who opt-in will be tested.
- This testing program will begin the week of 1/31/22.
- Each Wednesday, all **TEC High School and TEC Phoenix Academy** students who have opted into the program will be tested for COVID upon arrival to school.
  - Parents/caregivers of students showing a positive test for COVID will be contacted immediately and asked to pick up their student from school.
  - TEC will keep the test results confidential and will not make individual results public.
  - It is strongly recommended that you inform your healthcare professional if your child receives a positive result.
- **TEC Campus School** students will be testing at home with kits provided to families.
- **TEC staff** will also be participating in this weekly testing.

#### **What do you need to do to opt-into TEC's COVID Testing Program?**

1. Review the information about the [TEC Antigen Testing program found at this link](#).
2. For your student to participate, [you must opt-in by clicking on this link](#) **OPT-IN** and completing the form. We strongly encourage you to opt-in by 1/31/22.
3. By opting in, you agree to the test administration every Wednesday.
4. TEC will continue with routine COVID safety checks and/or symptomatic testing during the week. *(If you have not yet signed up, [click](#)).*
5. **About the Test:** [iHealth](#) is a 15-minute FDA-approved rapid antigen test

#### **Communication and Contact Tracing**

As part of this shift in the program, we are discontinuing the Test and Stay Program and contact tracing for in-school close contacts. This means that if your child is a potential contact in school, they may continue to come to school and do not have to quarantine.

If you have questions, please contact your school's nurse, Kerry Kubera at (781) 352-5729 or your child's principal. Thank you! Best wishes for good health.

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