



# MONTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the CT State Dept. of Education will be providing Montville Public Schools with COVID-19 rapid home test kits for COVID-19 for distribution to all pK-12 students and school staff. **We can offer 2 kits to every student and will distribute them from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Montville High School.**

Please drive up to the main entrance of MHS, and our staff will meet you at your car with test kits. If you cannot attend one of these evening pick-up times, you can contact your child's school to arrange pick-up of kits at a later date or to obtain an additional kit if needed.

The goal of the district's distribution of COVID-19 at-home test kits is to determine who should not be present in school while also ensuring students are able to maximize their time in school because we know their attendance at school is critically important. These test kits are intended for use by our school children and staff.

Rapid home test kits should be used when:

- Your child is experiencing symptoms of illness which are consistent with symptoms caused by COVID-19. In this case, you should use the test kit to determine whether your child is positive (and needs to isolate for at least 5 days from symptom onset) or your child is negative and can return to school once 24 hours fever-free and other symptoms have significantly resolved.

OR

- Your child has had direct exposure to an individual with COVID-19.

OR

- The school recommends testing of students in a classroom or program which is experiencing multiple cases of COVID-19.

Directions are included with the test kit, and your school nurse is available if you have questions about isolation or quarantine protocols. For your convenience contact information for our school nurses is attached. **If your child tests positive, please contact your school nurse for further guidance.**

Sincerely,

Laurie Pallin  
Superintendent, Montville Public Schools

### **School Nurse Contact Information**

Marcia Wilcox, Montville Public Schools Nursing Supervisor  
Dr. Charles E. Murphy Elementary School, 860-848-9520

Wendy Smith  
Oakdale Elementary School, 860-887-1675

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