

## Family message on test kits March 24, 2022

Good afternoon Everett Public Schools' families,

On March 8, the Department of Health directed school districts to provide access to diagnostic COVID testing for students and staff. Our previous "Test to Stay" process was limited to those exposed and was not available for all students and staff.

In order to provide the diagnostic COVID testing for all, we are providing COVID test kits for all staff and students by the end of the month. All students will receive one box of 2 test kits. These kits will be yours to use as you need to for COVID testing. There is a possibility more test kits will be available in the future as well.

Your school will be communicating to you how and when you will get the test kits.

Remember, if you are experiencing any symptoms you must follow the <u>What to do if a Person is Symptomatic flowchart</u>. Only once you have met all the requirements on the flowchart should you return to school after having experienced symptoms or having tested positive. For additional information on when you should test for COVID, please refer to <u>Testing for COVID site</u> from the Washington Department of Health.

Stay safe and be well

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