

COVID Test-to-Play Memo

All students participating in Uintah High School athletics and extracurricular activities (theatre, band, choir, etc.) should be aware that the test-to-play protocol **may** be implemented by the high school administration. The protocol has already been implemented once this school year.

The purpose of this protocol is twofold: First, to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 spread among our students, and second, **to keep our programs open for participation.**

The test-to-play protocol **may** be implemented based on:

- the number of student participants who have already tested positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period
- the number of student participants who are sick or exhibiting symptoms associated with COVID-19, regardless of testing status

If the protocol is implemented, testing will take place at a time and location set by the UHS administration. No student under the age of 18 will be tested without consent from their parent/guardian. Students who test negative will continue to participate in practices/rehearsals, performances, and/or competitions.

If the test-to-play protocol is implemented, testing will be required regardless of vaccination or previous COVID-19 infection status. Student participants who choose not to be tested cannot take part in practices, performances, or other extracurricular activities for at least 10 days and should quarantine at home. They should also attend their classes remotely.

After testing takes place, students who have not been vaccinated will need to wear a mask to attend classes face-to-face until they receive a second negative test result 7 calendar days after the first one. This is due to the incubation period of the virus. Those who choose not to wear a mask should quarantine at home for at least 10 days and attend classes remotely.

Uintah School District and the high school will continue to follow two principles to help slow or stop the spread of COVID-19:

1. Take appropriate steps to keep schools open for face-to-face learning and keep extracurricular programs going.
2. Respect personal choice and teach acceptance of personal responsibility associated with choices.

Thank you again for your student's commitment to our extracurricular programs, and to keeping themselves and others healthy. If you have questions about the test-to-play protocol, please contact Uintah High Principal Christy Nerdin at 435-781-3110 or christy.nerdin@uintah.net.