

## SFIS Test-to-Stay Program Overview

In our continued efforts to provide a safe and welcoming environment for our students, Santa Fe Indian School is implementing a Test-to-Stay program for SY 22-23 for asymptomatic dorm students who are identified as 'close contacts' as defined below:

### SFIS considers a 'Close Contact' as:

Someone who was within 6 feet of a person who tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of whether face masks were worn, for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period and the contact was within 48 hours of:

- the onset of the positive person's symptoms OR
- an asymptomatic person's test (not when they received the test results).

A cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period could be, for example, three five-minute exposures in 24 hours.

Based on the SFIS Student COVID-19 Guidance Tree updated on February 4, 2022, dorm students identified as 'close contacts' are not allowed to stay in the dorms for 7 days. During this Leave of Absence from the dorms, students may continue to attend SFIS as day students. We have seen the negative impact this has on student learning and are now introducing a Test-to-Stay Program for dorm students as a way of keeping students on campus and in class.

The SFIS Test-to-Stay Program will allow a dorm student identified as a 'close contact' to stay in the dorms and continue to reside at SFIS with their roommate(s) as long as they comply with on-campus COVID-19 tests. Tests will be scheduled on multiple predetermined days following exposure (for example, Days 3 and 7). This testing will be provided on campus on behalf of Santa Fe Indian School. Parents/Guardians of 'close contacts' will continue to be notified of 'close contact' status, as well as the scheduled SFIS Test-to-Stay testing days for their student(s).

### What does this mean for my student?

- My student will remain in the dorms when identified as an asymptomatic 'close contact' and will be required to comply with SFIS on campus Test-to-Stay testing. Tests will be scheduled on multiple predetermined days following exposure.
  - This will minimize the disruption of learning for students identified as 'close contacts' as they would continue to reside in the dorms as long as they follow scheduled testing yielding negative results.
  - This testing may also catch asymptomatic cases that would otherwise increase the risk of transmission on campus.
- My student will continue to room with their asymptomatic roommate even if the roommate is identified as a 'close contact.' The roommate will be tested on multiple predetermined days following exposure. If the roommate tests positive, my student would be a 'close contact' and I will be notified.

### What does this mean for me (parent/guardian)?

- I understand that my student may be residing in a dorm room with another asymptomatic student that has been identified as a 'close contact'.
  - I understand that if my student is roommates with a student identified as a 'close contact' I will not be notified.
- I will be notified if my student is a 'close contact,' as well as their scheduled SFIS Test-to-Stay testing days.
- If my student is identified as a 'close contact,' I may elect to pick them up and keep them at home (or attending as a day student if transportation allows) for a 7-day Dorm Leave of Absence.
  - I understand that my student must follow the SFIS Student Handbook regarding absences and complete assignments posted on the Google Classrooms.

*\*You may contact Jenna Burgess, Emergency Response Coordinator, at [jburgess@sfis.k12.nm.us](mailto:jburgess@sfis.k12.nm.us) with questions.*

**SFIS Test-to-Stay Program: Parent/Guardian Consent Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE, WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK  
For use by Students Participating in SFIS Test-to-Stay Program**

(Please read carefully before signing)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Parent / Legal Guardian) of \_\_\_\_\_ (Student Name) (hereinafter "Child"), knowingly and voluntarily give my consent for my Child to participate in the SFIS Test-to-Stay Program and agree as follows:

I am fully aware that there are a number of risks associated with my Child's use of the Santa Fe Indian School ("SFIS") Campus during the COVID-19 pandemic, including, but not limited to, being exposed to and contracting COVID-19 from individuals, surfaces, and airborne particles. Although SFIS has taken many steps to reduce the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, I acknowledge and understand that no actions by SFIS will guarantee that my Child will not contract COVID-19.

On behalf of myself as Parent / Legal Guardian, my Child, and my Child's heirs, successors, and assigns, I knowingly and freely assume all risks, both known and unknown, related to COVID-19, including all illnesses, injuries, damages or death arising from my Child's use of the SFIS Campus. I also voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Santa Fe Indian School, its staff, board, officers, affiliates, insurers, successors, and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified") from any and all claims, demands, torts, contracts, obligations, suits, actions, causes of action, or damages ("Losses") arising from or related to COVID-19 connected in any way with my Child's use of the SFIS Campus, including, but not limited to, claims based on the alleged negligence of any Indemnified or any other person. I further promise not to sue SFIS or any Indemnified for any illness, injury, death, or other Losses arising out of or related to COVID-19 and agree to indemnify and hold them harmless from any and all Losses resulting therefrom,

I execute this Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk knowingly, freely, and voluntarily without any inducement, duress or coercion, intending to be legally bound.