



**REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**Announcement by the Ministry of Health for the implementation of the “test to stay” measure in the Education Service**

Following a decision by the Council of Ministers dated February 15 2022 regarding the implementation of the “test to stay” measure in the Education Service, the Minister of Health met with educational organizations to record suggestions as to the finalization of the procedure following implementation of the measure. The implementation of the “test to stay” measure has been proven successful, as it allows thousands of children every day to attend classes with physical presence.

Taking into consideration the aforementioned, as well as the fact that schools must remain safe and operational, the Council of Ministers has decided to initiate the implementation of the “test to stay” measure to educators in the public and private school sector from March 14 2022, based on the procedure already followed by students.

- Specifically, teachers in Primary and Secondary Education, in the public as well as the private sector, who are close contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases and based on the health protocol are required to self-isolate, will be able to visit predefined locations announced by the Ministry of Health to conduct a rapid antigen unit test every day for a period of 7 consecutive days following close contact. The test will be provided free of charge and the days of self-isolation of teachers who opt out of the measure will count as regular leave of absence.

Further information regarding the procedure will be announced in the coming days.

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Ministry of Health  
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