

**Announcement by the Ministry of Health regarding changes
to ‘test-to-stay’ measure in schools – testing units at schools**

As regards the implementation of the test-to-stay measure in schools, as of 24 January 2022, the Ministry of Health, in an effort to address the teachers’ concerns and avoid burdening further the smooth operation of schools, shall proceed with the following changes:

- Children who are close contacts of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case and on the basis of protocol must self-isolate, should be taken daily for the 6-day period by their parents to pre-defined testing units operating in schools, to undergo a rapid antigen test and then, if the result of the test is negative, to be taken to their school.
- These testing units will operate from 7 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. to better serve students who are identified as close contacts. (For secondary school pupils it is recommended that they come between 07:00-07:30, so as to avoid further loss of teaching time).
- Primary and secondary school pupils living in remote or mountainous communities will continue to be served by testing units visiting schools, as announced by the Ministry of Health.
- It is clarified that in any case, the responsibility for accompanying and supervising children attending the testing units in schools lies with parents/guardians.

It is recalled that,

- Compliance with the above measure is optional and applies only to pupils who are close contacts of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case and declared within a school, as defined by the health protocol governing schools (two metres distance in all directions from the positive case, in the classroom, during break time, during sports and during transport by private vehicle).

It is understood that,

- The measure does not have retroactive effect. Therefore, it applies only to pupils who are close contacts of confirmed positive cases detected in the schools since Monday, 24 January 2022.

What applies to close contacts that do not have a history of vaccination or have received at least one dose of the vaccine, or have completed their vaccination scheme and the period of 7 months has elapsed, or have become ill and the period of 90 days has elapsed?

- They will have the option either to self-isolate for 10 days as provided for in the protocol and be released on the 7th day, provided they present a negative PCR test carried out at their own expense, or to come to the predefined points for rapid antigen testing daily for 6 consecutive days after contact (excluding public holidays and weekends)
- (with regard to the PCR molecular test on day 7, as provided for in the close contact management protocol, the Ministry of Health is considering replacing the PCR test on day 7 by a Rapid test)
- This measure concerns by way of exception only the opening hours of schools (including All-day compulsory Primary schools and All-day Optional Primary schools) and after close contacts have left the schools, they should self-isolate, as they continue to be considered as close contacts and will not be able to take part in other afternoon activities (such as afternoon lessons, sports etc.)
- These persons should avoid using public transport and should travel to school by private vehicle.

What applies to individuals who are close contacts, have completed their vaccination scheme and the 7-month period has not elapsed or hold a certificate of recovery and the 90-day period has not elapsed?

- The protocol does not require them to self-isolate, but they must visit the designated points for rapid antigen testing daily for the period of 6 consecutive days after contact (excluding holidays and weekends) as defined by the health protocol governing schools (two metres distance in all directions from the positive case, in the classroom, during breaks, during sports and during transport by private vehicle).

The absence of students from the class during the laboratory testing process will be justified.

The test-to-stay measure will be implemented on a pilot basis and variations may occur depending on the epidemiological picture. In successive meetings of the Minister for Health with educational organisations and organised parents, it was decided that the measure should be reassessed next Monday, 31 January 2022, at a meeting to be held in the presence of the Ministers for Health and Education.

148 Testing Units – Tuesday 25 January 2022

DISTRICT	LEVEL	LOCATION
LEFKOSIA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	THE FALCON SCHOOL NICOSIA
LEFKOSIA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	THE AMERICAN ACADEMY NICOSIA
LEFKOSIA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Lefkosia A' Peripheral Gymnasium, Nisou
LEFKOSIA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Archangelos – Lakatameia Gymnasium
LEFKOSIA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Latsia Gymnasium
LEFKOSIA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Agios Ioannis Chrysostomos Gymnasium
LEFKOSIA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Makedonitissa Gymnasium
LEFKOSIA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Archbishop Makarios C' Gymnasium (Platy)
LEFKOSIA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	NAREG Gymnasium
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	TERRA SANTA – Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	GC School of Careers – Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Aglantzia E' – Akis Kleanthous Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Agios Vasileios Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Egkomi A' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Makedonitissa A' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Dasoupolis Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lakatameia A' – Agias Paraskevis and Agiou Nikolaou Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lakatameia E' – Agiou Ioanni Chrysostomou Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Tseri B' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Dali C' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Eleneion Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Agios Dimitrios Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lakatameia ST' – Agiou Stylianou Primary School

LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Gerı B' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lakatameia D' – Agıou Neofytou Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Aglantzia C' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Falcon Private School – Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lympia Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	The American Academy Nicosia Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Egkomi B' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Chryseleousa Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Agıoi Omologites Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pallouriotissa A' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Akaki Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Mammari Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Palaiometochı B' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Psimolofou Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pallouriotissa B' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lythrodontas "Meletion" Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Dalı B' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Agıos Stylianos Gymnasium
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Constantinoupoleos Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Makedonitissa C' – Stylianos Lenas Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pernera Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Latsia B' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Anthoupoli Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lakatameia B' – Agıou Mama Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Gerı A' Primary School

LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Agios Andreas Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Astrometitis Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Kakopetria Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Kokkinotrimithia B' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Klirou Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Arediou Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Dali A' Primary School
LEFKOSIA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Agios Epifanios Primary School
LEMESOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	MORFOSIS PRIVATE SCHOOL (Gymnasium - Lyceum)
LEMESOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Laniteio Gymnasium
LEMESOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Agia Filaxis Gymnasium
LEMESOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Zakaki Gymnasium
LEMESOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Linopetra Gymnasium
LEMESOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Katholiki Gymnasium
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos KST' – Panagias Tricherousas Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos A' – Kontovathia Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos K' – Agiou Panteleimona Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos IA' – Tsireio Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Germasogeia Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Ypsonas A' Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos IST' – Zakaki 'Polykarpos Vlachos' Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Episkopi Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pascal Private Primary School Lemesos
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pano Kivides Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Mesa Geitonia ID' Primary School

LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Trachoni A' Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Kolossi B' – Apostolou Andrea and Agias Foteinis Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pano Polemidia – Karmiotissa Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos B' Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos KA' – Kapsalos Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos C' Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos ST' – Agiou Nikolaou Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos E' – Agiou Ioanni Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos A' Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	The Logos School of English Education – Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	THE GRAMMAR PRIVATE ENGLISH JUNIOR SCHOOL – Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	FOLEY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL – Primary School
LEMESOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Tsireio Gymnasium
LEMESOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Omodos Gymnasium (six-grade)
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Potamos Germasogeias B' Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos IA' – Tsireio Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Parekklesia Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	G.N. Kalogeropoulou Primary School, Mesa Geitonia
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Agios Tychonas Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Kato Polemidia A' – Panagias Evangelistrias Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Kato Polemidia KD' – Apostolou Varnava Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Timiou Prodromou Primary School, Lemesos
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Lemesos D' Primary School
LEMESOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	'Agioi Anargyroi' Primary School, Moni Monagrouli
LARNAKA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	THE AMERICAN ACADEMY LARNAKA

LARNAKA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Athienou Gymnasium
LARNAKA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Vergina Gymnasium
LARNAKA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Xylotymvou Peripheral Gymnasium
LARNAKA	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Kiti Gymnasium
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Kathari – Dimitris Lipertis Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Prodromou Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Agios Lazaros A' – Christoforos Christofides Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Kiti Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Livadia Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Athienou Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Aradippou D' – Agiou Fanouriou Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Zinon Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Agiou Ioanni Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Dromolaxia A' Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Troulloi Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Alethriko Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Tersefanou Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Dromolaxia B' Primary School
LARNAKA	PRIMARY EDUCATION	"Michalakis Parides" Primary School, Drosia
PAFOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	THE LEARNING CENTRE PEYEIA
PAFOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Apostolos Pavlos Gymnasium
PAFOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Agios Theodoros A' Gymnasium
PAFOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Polis Chrysochous Gymnasium
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Koupateio Primary School, Pafos
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pafos D' – Kato Pervolia Primary School

PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Polis Chrysochous Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Iordaneio Primary School, Pafos
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Empa Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Geroskipou A' Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Mesogi Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pafos Z' – Agiou Kendea Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pafos ST' Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	British School Aspire - Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pafos I' – “Evagoras Pallikarides” Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Geroskipou B' Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pegeia Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Chloraka-Lempa – Agiou Stefanou Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pafos IA' – Agiou Spyridona Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Pafos IB' – “Pefkios Georgiades” Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Stroumpi Primary School
PAFOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Tremithousa Primary School
AMMOCHOSTOS	SECONDARY EDUCATION	Paralimni Gymnasium
AMMOCHOSTOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Antonis Tsokkos Primary School, Agia Napa
AMMOCHOSTOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Paralimni A' Primary School
AMMOCHOSTOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Frenaros Primary School
AMMOCHOSTOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Liopetri A' Primary School
AMMOCHOSTOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	“Fotis Pittas” Primary School, Dasos Achnas
AMMOCHOSTOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Deryneia A' Primary School
AMMOCHOSTOS	PRIMARY EDUCATION	Deryneia C' Primary School