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**Summary: NIH and DHHS Providing Free COVID-19 Rapid Assessments for NH Families**

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Dear Kearsarge Community,

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has informed our District that they are now providing all NH families with access to eight (8) QuickVue COVID-19 Rapid Assessments. This opportunity is a result of the high levels of community spread in NH and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics in Underserved Populations (RADx-Up) program.

Families interested in receiving these free kits will need to visit the following URL and enter their zip code in the appropriate field. <https://sayyeshometest.org/> Visitors to the site will need to provide a family contact name and a home address to receive the kits. NIH will only send one set of eight kits to each household.

The test's accuracy are based on the interim results of a clinical study where the QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test was compared to an FDA authorized molecular SARS-CoV-2 test. The QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test correctly identified 83.5% of positive specimens and 99.2% of negative specimens. It is a simple test to administer, and does not create discomfort when swabbing the person being tested.

The Say Yes! COVID Test program supporting the NIH provides this FAQ page providing additional supportive information regarding privacy, data sharing, and reporting that may be of importance. That FAQ page is located here: <https://sayyeshometest.org/faq.html>

If you have question or concerns regarding this resource, please do not hesitate to contact your school's nurse or your own Primary Care Physician.

Respectfully,

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