

Recommendations and Updated Isolation/Quarantine Guidance as of January 3, 2022

Situations...

Any Symptoms for COVID-19.....

PROTOCOL:

Stay home for 5 days

Test on Day 5 or later and submit the results to the school

May return to school after Day 5, providing there is a negative test result and all symptoms have resolved

Note: If you test positive at any time, follow guidelines below (Positive for COVID-19; Isolate)

Positive Test for COVID-19:

Isolate (regardless of Vaccination Status)

PROTOCOL:

Stay home in isolation for 5 days

No symptoms, end isolation

Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days

If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.

Exposed to Someone with COVID-19: Quarantine

Boosted or

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months
or

Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

Protocol:

Wear a mask around others for 10 days

Test on Day 5 and submit negative test results to school to remain in classes.

If symptoms develop, get a test, and remain home until symptom free.

Exposed to Someone with COVID-19: Quarantine

Not Boosted or Unvaccinated or

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and
are not boosted or

Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted

PROTOCOL:

Stay home in quarantine for 5 days

Test on Day 5 and submit negative test results to school to return to classes.

After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

When testing is not available

If exhibiting symptoms, isolate, and everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must:

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you may return to work/school but must continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.

If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, and are asymptomatic AND you have been boosted or completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months OR completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months, it is not necessary to quarantine, but must wear a mask around others for 10 days and if possible, test on day 5.

- If symptoms occur, and **testing is not available**, refer to above protocols.

If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19, and are asymptomatic AND you have completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago AND are not boosted OR completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago AND are not boosted OR are unvaccinated, you must quarantine for 5 days. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days and if possible, test on day 5.

- If symptoms occur, and **testing is not available**, refer to above protocols.

Virtual or Online Learning: Students in quarantine or isolation may have the support of virtual or online learning, depending on the school's policy.

EXTRA –CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Because there is an increased risk of post-quarantine transmission associated with options to shorten quarantine, individuals who had close contact with infection may not participate in any activities with a higher risk of spreading the virus (i.e., extra –curricular or co-curricular activities, including sports teams, P.E. classes, music instruction, field trips, etc.) or take part in any activity that cannot maintain a 6-foot physical distancing until 10 days from contact. After 10 days, students and staff members in quarantine may resume all activities provided by the school.

All school activities, including field trips and overnight travel, can be held if current CDC and LDH guidelines are followed. Schools should post signs throughout campus indicating when face masking and physical distancing are in effect.

FACE MASKS: There is no universal masking required in schools at this time. Wearing a face mask continues to be optional in general for those not listed as requiring masking to return to school.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING: As “best” students should maintain 3-feet apart. Activities and classes that involve increased exhalation should continue to be held outdoors or in large, well-ventilated spaces, whenever possible. Buses may operate at 100% capacity if all passengers are masked, the windows open, and assigned seating charts are utilized and enforced.