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Updated Quarantine Guidance

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New Quarantine Rules

The Quarantine Period is still at **10 days**.

Isolation periods (at home) may be reduced to **5 days** for Positive COVID-19 individuals (vaccinated or unvaccinated).

Quarantine Period of 10 days	
Isolation days (at home) from 5-10 Days 0-5 as a minimum ===== Day 0 is the day symptoms started or the day of the positive test	In School on Days 6-10
	If fever free for 24 hours and symptom free after, may return to school
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must wear mask properly while indoors at all times • Social Distance at 6' as much as possible • Social Distance at 6' when eating/drinking • Avoid Contact with others • Social Distance at 6' outside without mask

Isolation periods (at home) may be reduced to **5 days** for unvaccinated close contact individuals.

Quarantine Period of 10 days	
Isolation days (at home) from 5-10 days Days 0-5 minimum ===== Day 0 is the last day of contact	In School Days 6-10
	If fever free for 24 hours and symptom free after
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must wear mask properly while indoors at all times • Social Distance at 6' as much as possible • Social Distance at 6' when eating/drinking • Avoid Contact with others • Social Distance at 6' outside without mask • If symptoms appear, isolate immediately • COVID-19 test recommended upon return

Fully vaccinated individuals will not be required to isolate. However, if symptoms appear, isolate immediately and it is recommended that you get COVID-19 tested.

Fully vaccinated

- 5-17 years old have received primary series of vaccination
- 18 years or older have received primary series of vaccination within the past 5 months or have received their booster if more than 5 months
- The school will need documentation of fully vaccinated status to avoid isolation

Close contact

- Properly masked individuals (both the positive individual and the close contact) with 3' or not properly masked individuals within 6'
- A cumulative 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period
- Not fully vaccinated
- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days are not considered close contacts

Quarantine Period vs. Isolation

- Quarantine Period is staying home and/or restricting movement of those who have tested for COVID-19 or have been identified as a close contact. Still 10 days.
- Isolation is completely separating the individual with a confirmed case from others in order to prevent spreading of the virus (a minimum of 5 days and up to 10 days based on continued symptoms).

Pre-existing Conditions

- If students has medical conditions not related to COVID-19, provide the school with a doctor's note stating the symptoms are not related to COVID-19 or they will need to quarantine according to the charts above

Isolation

- We understand that Isolation is not always possible in a household that includes small children. If a family member in the same household tests positive for COVID-19, please call the office and we will walk you through when the sibling(s) may return to school. This may be different from family to family based on the ability to isolate within the home and vaccination status.

Test-to-Stay

- If a close contact student has no symptoms and the contact is not in the same household, Test-to-Stay may be an option. Students are now required to test as soon as they are aware of the contact and 5-7 days after the contact (only 2 tests are now required). The Quarantine Period (or Test-to-Stay Period) is still 10 days. For the next 10 day in school, the student must: wear mask properly while indoors at all times, social distance at 6' as much as possible, social distance at 6' when eating/drinking, avoid contact with others, social distance at 6' outside without mask, and if symptoms appear, isolate immediately.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Student may participate in all extra-curricular activities while in school (whether it is Test-to-Stay or Days 6-10 of the Quarantine Period). The student must: wear mask properly while participating in the extra-curricular event at all times, social distance at 6' as much as possible, social distance at 6' when eating/drinking, avoid contact with others, and if symptoms appear, isolate immediately.

Other Information

- Masks are still required in school building (students, staff, guests, etc.) at all times.
- Members of the same household that are unvaccinated are excluded from school if there is a positive COVID-19 case in the household.
- If you have questions, please send an email or call the school.
- Educating our students in a safe way to the best of our ability remains a priority.

Sincerely,



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