



Covid Protocol Updates as of January 13, 2022

On 1/12/2022, The NJDOE adopted new guidance which will be in effect when we return to in person learning on January 18, 2022. Please know, our success in staying in person is dependent on our school community monitoring themselves and their children vigilantly for ANY Covid compatible symptoms and ***staying home when sick.***

Quarantine Guidelines:

- Anyone with ***Covid compatible symptoms*** OR ***a positive Covid test*** (rapid or PCR) will quarantine for a minimum of 5 days and return as early as day 6. (Day 0 is the onset of symptoms).
 - If symptoms resolve (fever free 24 hours without medication and other symptoms improve) you can return on day 6. However, you must be able to maintain a mask at all times through day 10, except when drinking or eating. Students on days 6-10 will be eating in an alternate location and will need to remain masked during recess and PE.
 - **Asymptomatic positive**, can return on day 6 as long as no symptoms develop. (If symptoms develop, the onset of symptoms will be day 0 and then the 5 days will begin). You can return on day 6 but you must be able to maintain a mask at all times through day 10, except when drinking or eating. Students on days 6-10 will be eating in an alternate location and will need to remain masked.

*****If a mask can not be maintained, consult with your school nurse and they will determine the length of quarantine needed.***

Who Needs to Quarantine?

- Unvaccinated household close contacts or unvaccinated school identified close contacts.
 - What does that mean?
 - Adults 18 and over ***who have not received their first round of Covid vaccines*** as well as ***their booster***, that are a known close contact to a positive household member, will complete the 5 day quarantine.
 - Any unvaccinated students or staff identified as an in school close contact.

- *Staff and students over the age of 18 should share a copy of their Booster card with Human Resources and/ or the School Nurse.*

III Child or Staff:

- If a child or staff member is ill and/or experiencing Covid compatible symptoms, (verified by the school nurse regardless of vaccination status), they will be required to either:
 - Quarantine for 5 days and return on day 6 if symptoms resolve. They must be fever free 24 hours and other symptoms improved. **A screening with a School Nurse will be arranged for the student and parent. (See Below)**
 - Return with a negative Covid PCR test OR alternate diagnosis from a medical provider (for example; ear infection, strep, etc.)
 - Please note, that the School Nurse will have the discretion to exclude a student at any time based on presentation of observed or reported symptoms.

Screening for Students that are Covid Positive Returning to School Days 6-10

- If a student with Covid Compatible Symptoms or a Positive Covid test is looking to return on days 6-10 of their quarantine, they must do the following:
 - A Parent or Guardian will need to fill out a Google form on the district website to sign up for a screening appointment with a School Nurse at the Board of Education Building.
 - A Parent or Guardian will need to accompany the child to the Board of Education Building for the screening prior to attending school. A satellite screening center will be set up and staffed with School Nurses.
 - A Nurse will talk with the student and guardian to ensure that they are symptom free and able to return to school.
 - The Parent or Guardian will be required to fill out a form verifying that the child has been symptom fever free for 24 hours (without medication) and symptoms have improved. In addition, they will acknowledge that until the child has completed day 10 of mask wearing, they will need to eat lunch in an alternate location in the building and maintain the mask during recess and Physical Education, as well as athletic practices/competitions and artistic practices/performances.

Additional References:

[Quarantine and Isolation](#)

[What we know about Quarantine and Isolation](#)