

WASD Updated Staff Guidance for Positive Cases and Quarantine Following Exposure to COVID-19

New Changes as of 8/11/22

Staff Who Test Positive for COVID:

Regardless of vaccination status, any staff who tests positive for COVID-19 must:

- Isolate for 5 days at home and not attend school/work
 - Day 0 is first day of symptoms, or date of + test if asymptomatic
- May return to school on day 6 but is required to wear a mask on days 6-10

***Any staff who on day 6 has worsening symptoms or a fever, should NOT return to school until symptoms improve and no fever without medication for 24 hours.**

***All staff will be required to wear a mask on days 6-10 in the school setting following return from a positive case.**

Staff Who are Exposed to COVID-19

The recommendations below apply to asymptomatic staff. Any staff who develop symptoms after exposure to a COVID-19 positive person and are identified as a close contact must be tested for COVID-19 before returning to school or provide a doctor's note. **(COVID test cannot be a take home test for negative results. Positive results will be accepted).**

As of August 11th, staff who are identified as a close contact (school or household exposure) to someone who has tested positive and are **asymptomatic do NOT need to quarantine** from school. Staff identified as a close contact are **required to wear a mask in school at all times for 10 days from the last day of contact for non-household exposures and household exposures will be required to mask for 15 days** regardless of vaccination status or COVID-19 infection within past 30 days. Testing is recommended for prior COVID-19 infection within 31-90 days if asymptomatic or symptomatic.

- Monitor for symptoms
 - If you develop symptoms, isolate immediately, get tested and stay home until you know the results
- Recommend testing at least 5 full days after your last exposure
- If you test negative, continue wearing a mask through day 10
- If you test positive, isolate immediately

Any staff who is not medically able (as approved by HR) to wear a mask on days 6-10 following a positive case or for 10-15 days after being identified as a close contact will need to remain in quarantine or quarantine. A return date will be provided by Corrina Gnoffo.

Identification of Close Contacts in School Setting

Based on current guidance, a COVID-19 primary exposure in the school setting is when any student/staff was sitting/standing under six feet away for more than 15 minutes (over a 24-hour period) from a student/staff member who has tested positive.

- If both are wearing masks, the exposed student is not considered a close contact if 3-6 ft away.
- If positive student/staff was not wearing a mask all students under 6 feet would be identified as a close contact.

It is the responsibility of staff to inform the school of close contact cases that may occur outside of the school setting.