

WASD Updated Student Guidance for Positive Cases and Quarantining Following Exposure to COVID

New Changes as of 2/2/22 Are Highlighted in Red

Students Who Test Positive for COVID:

Regardless of vaccination status, any student 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 student 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.**

***Any student or staff who is not willing or medically able to wear a mask on days 6-10 while in school will need to remain in quarantine and can return on day 11.**

Students Who are Identified as a Close Contact

The recommendations below apply to asymptomatic students. Any student who develops symptoms after exposure to a COVID positive person and is identified as a close contact must be tested for COVID 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 February 2nd, students who are identified as a close contact to someone who has tested positive in the school setting do NOT need to quarantine from school, but are required to wear a mask in school at all times for 10 days from the date of exposure.

Any student who is not willing or medically able to wear a mask in school following being identified as a close contact will need to quarantine for 10 days and can return on day 11.

***If you have a positive case in your home setting or household exposure, please contact the school nurse for guidance on quarantining and returning to school for students. In home cases follow different quarantine guidelines than exposure in the school setting, which can include up to a 10 day quarantine depending on vaccination status**

Identification of Close Contacts in School Setting

Based on current guidance, a COVID-19 primary exposure in the school setting is when any student 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.

***Once students are identified as a close contact using the criteria above the new quarantine procedures will be followed**

It is the responsibility of the student's family to inform the school of close contact cases that may occur outside of the school setting.