



COVID-19 Guidelines | School Schedule and Protocol Updates

January 16, 2022

We will continue to keep our current precautions outlined in the January 5, 2022 Weekly Parent Email until Friday, January 28th. School will continue to end early at 2:27 p.m., and we will need to have another half day ending at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26th. We anticipate that on Monday, January 31st, we will resume the normal school day schedule. We hope to gradually lift additional modifications we have made over time.

Last week, nine students and two staff members tested positive for COVID-19. This is down from twelve students and three staff members from the previous week. On January 12, 2022, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) adopted guidance for schools to help us manage the current realities and quarantine expectations. The link to information through ISBE is [here](#). The link to information through CDPH is [here](#). The summary information from the CDPH that we will be following is summarized below. Please pay close attention to the definition of fully vaccinated; this definition continues to evolve.

Close Contacts/Exposure to COVID-19

- Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine.
 - For individuals age 5-17: up-to-date vaccination means 2 weeks after their primary series.
 - For individuals age 18 and older: up-to-date vaccination means having a booster shot if eligible or 2 weeks after their primary series of Moderna/Prifer within the last 6 months or 2 weeks after their primary series of Johnson & Johnson in the last 2 months.
- If an individual is not fully vaccinated as described above, they should quarantine for 5 full days.
- All close contacts should get tested on day 5 to make sure they test negative for COVID-19.

Tested Positive/Showing Symptoms

- Individuals who test positive should stay home for 5 full days after their symptom onset or, if they are asymptomatic (not showing symptoms, after their test date).

- At the end of day 5: individuals can return to school if they have been fever free for 24 hours, have not been experiencing vomiting or diarrhea for 48 hours, and their symptoms are improving.
- After returning on day 6:
 - All individuals are required to wear a face mask at all times except when eating/drinking.
 - These individuals must eat lunch 6 feet apart from everyone.
 - These individuals may not participate in sports competitions or performances until 10 full days have passed after their test date/symptom onset.

Other Information

- If an individual has a history of taking their masks on and off or not social distancing, then they should isolate/quarantine for 10 days.
- Schools can (and at times may be directed to by their local health department) take more stringent measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the facility.

COVID-19 Vaccination Collection

We are updating our survey information for vaccinations this week. Every family will receive a new survey to complete with current vaccination information. This survey will ask about vaccination boosters and past COVID-19 positive tests. Reorganizing this survey information will allow us to streamline our on-going management of this data. Please watch for the survey this week. **We will need everyone to complete this survey by Sunday, January 23rd.**