



Updated Covid-19 Guidance (1/10/22)

As you may be aware, guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health (DPH) continues to evolve as the Covid-19 virus does as well.

Recently, the CDC and DPH have adapted quarantine guidance for positive cases and direct contacts. Positive cases and off-campus/in-home direct contacts now only have to quarantine for 5 days. They may return to school/work after 5 days IF:

1. They remain without symptoms...AND
2. Agree to wear a mask for the remainder of a 10 day quarantine period (5 days in most cases).

Additionally, the Governor and the Head of DPH continue to emphasize the importance of in-person learning. ALL in-school contacts are still allowed to remain at school whereas:

1. They remain without symptoms...AND
2. Agree to wear a mask for the next 10 days.

Furthermore, realizing the strain on schools throughout this pandemic, the burden of contact tracing has been lessened for schools. So that school nurses and personnel can focus on the students in their presence, you may not be contacted via phone IF your child is discovered to be a direct contact of a student or employee diagnosed with Covid-19. Instead, we will send a letter home via your child notifying you of the contact. Remember, if your child is an in-school contact, they can remain at school, and we hope that they do. *Throughout the pandemic we have seen very little student to student transmission. Additionally, we are seeing the strength and duration of this variant to be much less severe than those of the past.*

Thank you for your support and understanding through these times as we continue to put your child's education first.

Sincerely,

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