

Covid Protocol 1/12/22 (updated)

These are the new guidelines given to us from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to ensure all students are safe and healthy in our school environment. Thank you for partnering with us to make sure we can keep our school operational.

1. If your child has Covid like symptoms (vaccinated or unvaccinated), please keep your child and siblings home.
2. Siblings that are vaccinated and not showing symptoms may attend school.
 - * A doctor's note stating that symptoms are not Covid related, the child may return to school when symptoms subside.

To count days, the day of the first symptoms is "0", the following day is "1", etc.

If your **child tests positive**:

- a. stay home for a minimum of 5 days (after the first symptoms or positive test)
- b. On the 6th day, they may return to school if symptom free.
 - 24 hours fever free (without medication to reduce a fever), vomiting/diarrhea, etc.
- c. On the 6th day, the student must mask correctly for the next five days, inside and outside of the building.

If your **child has Covid-like symptoms**:

- a. stay home for a minimum of 5 days (after the first symptoms)
- b. On the 6th day, they may return to school if symptom free.
 - 24 hours fever free (without medication to reduce a fever), vomiting/diarrhea, etc.
- c. On the 6th day, the student must mask correctly for the next five days, inside and outside of the building.
- d. Strongly recommend to have a rapid or PCR test (home test are not accepted).

If your **child has been exposed**:

Exposed would mean within 6 ft. of a known positive case for a cumulative time of 15 minutes.

- a. stay home for a minimum of 5 days (from the time of exposure)
- b. On the 6th day, they may return to school if symptom free.
 - 24 hours fever free (without medication to reduce a fever), vomiting/diarrhea, etc.
- c. On the 6th day, the student must mask correctly for the next five days, inside and outside of the building.
- d. Strongly recommend to have a rapid or PCR test (home test are not accepted).

Extracurricular

- a. if a student tests positive
 - students returning with no symptoms on day 5 or after, between day 6 – 10 they may practice, starting day 11 they may start to participate in competitions.
- b. if a student is considered a close contact
 - students returning with no symptoms on day 5 or after, between day 6 – 10 they may practice, starting day 11 they may start to participate in competitions.

Symptoms:

Fever 100.4 or higher	Nausea
Headache (severe) – new onset moderate to severe	Muscle or body aches
Shortness of breath	Fatigue (unknown cause)
Sore throat	Loss of taste and smell
(New) Cough	Vomiting
Diarrhea	

For further information, please visit <http://www/dph.illinois.gov>

*Reminder, always ask for a note to return to school for any appointment. This includes doctors, dentist, ortho, eye doctor, etc.

*Visitation School will work closely with the local health department to communicate confirmed cases and close contacts in order to keep our school community safe. The Health Department will provide us with information on positive cases for contact tracing purposes.

Thank you for keeping us all safe and doing your part to make sure we can continue a successful school year.