

UPDATED QUARANTINE POLICY

(January 3, 2022)

In alignment with the updated CDC policies, we are changing our quarantine timeline and the ways that we handle exposure to COVID-19.

Exposure:

- Unvaccinated students will be sent home with a rapid test following an exposure.
- Unvaccinated students and staff will be able to return to school the next day if 1) their test is negative, 2) they are asymptomatic, and 3) their test results are submitted before 7AM. Unvaccinated students and staff will test and submit results two more times within seven days of the original exposure to remain in person. Any student who develops symptoms will be asked to quarantine for five days.
- Vaccinated students and staff who are asymptomatic will be able to return to school after exposure without testing **BUT** will need to submit a negative test on day five of exposure to the school before 7AM.

Positive Cases:

For any students or staff who test positive, they will be asked to stay home for **five (5)** days and can return to school after five days if they are asymptomatic with a negative test.

Please see the table below that describes the policy in detail.

Increased Testing:

Due to the improved reliability of rapid testing and increased availability of free testing for schools, we are increasing our testing. While we will not test in school, we will use the data from rapid tests that students and staff take to make decisions about individual classrooms.

SAFE RETURN

- We are ***not mandating*** you or families to test prior to returning because we want to limit the burdens we are placing on our community, but if you have been around people who are not part of your typical circle and/or if you have traveled, we would strongly recommend you get a COVID test. The more clarity we have about the positive rate for our staff the more effectively we will be able to plan.
- **Student Vaccination Status** – To support our revised policies we will ask, but not require, families to share the vaccination status of students.



Given the rising rates in New York and the changes to CDC guidance, we will continue to adjust our policies to best support the community.

Positive Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay home for 5 days. - If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can return to school with a negative test 	
Exposure	Vaccinated within 6 months or boosted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asymptomatic staff and students can return the next day - Vaccinated staff and students will be asked to test on day 5 <p><i>Any staff or student who develops symptoms will be asked to quarantine for five (5) days.</i></p>
	Vaccinated more than 6 months (2 months for J&J) ago and not boosted OR Unvaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unvaccinated students will be sent home with a rapid test following an exposure. - Unvaccinated students and staff will be able to return to school the next day if: 1) their test is negative, 2) they are asymptomatic, and 3) their test results are submitted before 7AM. - Unvaccinated students and staff will test and submit results two more times within seven days of the original exposure to remain in person. <p><i>Any staff or student who develops symptoms will be asked to quarantine for five days.</i></p>

