COVID-19 Policies and Updates

Updated School Covid Guidance  
*Effective August 15, 2022*

* Pursuant to VDH guidance, masks are no longer required or recommended in any school setting (indoor/outdoor) except for isolation purposes after testing positive for COVID. In those cases, persons who test positive for COVIDshould stay home for 5 days from the onset of symptoms or the day of a positive test. Once symptoms resolve/improve and the individual is fever-free for 24 hours, they may return on Day 6.  Masks are recommended through Day 10.  While a negative test is not required to return to school on Day 6, it is recommended.
* Quarantine is no longer required for anyone exposed (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period or having direct contact with respiratory secretions from an infected person) to someone who has tested positive, regardless of vaccination status, **so long as the exposed individual is asymptomatic.**
* If you are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines AND have not had COVID-19 in the last 6 months, you may consider testing as soon as possible after the exposure and again between Days 3-5 after exposure. (We have Test to Stay available)
* **Isolation and Quarantine Guidance** 
  + - Symptomatic persons (regardless of vaccination status) should begin isolation at home and undergo testing as recommended by their healthcare providers. The day symptoms began should be counted as day 0.
    - Persons who test positive (regardless of vaccination status) should isolate themselves at home for at least 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever-free for 24 hours, they may return to programming after Day 5, provided:
      * If the individual is able to mask, they should do so through Day 10.
      * If the individual is unable or unwilling to mask during this time (including children under age 2), VDH recommends a negative test on or after Day 6 in order to return to programming.
* This guidance could change if the school experiences an outbreak of COVID.