

Monday, December 6, 2021

We are pleased to report we have seen COVID-19 cases among students and staff decrease over the past several weeks. Effective immediately we will discontinue mandatory quarantines for all students (grades PK-12) found to have been in close contact with a positive COVID case while at school.

If your child is a close contact, parents/guardians will receive a phone call from the school; however, your child will not need to be quarantined if exposed at school as long as the child remains asymptomatic.

Parents may choose to quarantine their child for 7 or 10 days due to exposure to a positive case. If a child is quarantined, the absences will be excused and the student will be expected to complete all missed assignments. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, they will continue to follow the guidance from the Department of Public Health.

We will evaluate our quarantine protocol for elementary and middle school students after the start of the second semester in January.

If you choose to quarantine your child after exposure at school, quarantine options will be as follows:

- 10-day quarantine period: students may return to school after the 10-day quarantine period provided they remain asymptomatic and do not test positive for COVID-19.
- 7-day quarantine period: students may return to school after 7 days provided they remain asymptomatic AND have a negative COVID-19 test collected on the 5th day after exposure or later.

The safety of our students and employees remains our number one priority. WCS will continue to track positive COVID cases and report weekly cases on our district website every Friday afternoon. Should we experience a rise in positive cases, guidelines may be adjusted accordingly to mitigate the spread of COVID in our schools or across our district.

Please feel free to contact your child's principal if you have any questions.