



Fontana Jt. 8 School District

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Friday, January 7th, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

On Thursday, 1/6/2022 the CDC updated isolation and quarantine guidelines for K-12 schools on their website. This was additional clarifications for schools after recent changes on 12/27/2021. These changes have been reviewed by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Following the most current guidelines from the CDC, Wisconsin DHS, and local public health partners Fontana Jt. 8 School District will be implementing these new guidelines starting Monday, January 10th, 2022. Enclosed with this letter you will find the most current information regarding isolation precautions and quarantine guidelines for COVID-19 including additional resources for a test-and-stay option.

Throughout the pandemic, we have seen several students with significant interruptions to their in-person learning due to quarantine. These interruptions not only affect a student's ability to be in school, but also are a significant stressor on families. After a careful review of our District COVID-19 data, we are excited to announce that our school will be transitioning to a **Test-and-Stay protocol** that will allow students to avoid quarantine from school if they have a negative COVID-19 test daily during their quarantine period.

Beginning **Monday, January 10th, 2022**, students identified as close contacts will be able to stay at school for the duration of the quarantine period based on the following guidelines:

- **Unvaccinated students** must receive a negative test result daily for 5 days and remain symptom free. If symptoms occur the student will need to isolate and follow DHS guidance.
- **Vaccinated students** receive a negative test result on day one and remain symptom free

Symptoms to monitor for include:

- Fever and/or Chills
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Nausea and/or Vomiting
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of smell or taste
- Sore Throat
- Congestion
- Runny nose
- Diarrhea

Any student who tests positive and/or develops symptoms will be sent home and required to isolate per the Department of Health's recommendations.

In order to make this transition happen, **beginning January 10th, 2022** in conjunction with Big Foot and Walworth schools, we will be offering COVID-19 testing to our students, staff and their families. The testing will be available on-site at Big Foot and Walworth. Please contact Big Foot High School and Walworth School directly to initiate testing. Each school offers specific times. Please see the chart below for further information. Written parent consent is required for a child to test. The parent/guardian will also be responsible for transportation to and from the testing site before coming to school for the day. A copy of the test result must be provided to Fontana Jt. 8 School District in written form or in an electronic format. This option will allow students to remain in school.



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Location	Hours/Days	Contact Information
Big Foot High School Go to the main entrance at the circle drive.	7:00 am - 11:00 am Monday through Friday	901 Devils Lane, Walworth, WI 53184 (262)-275-2116
Walworth Joint School District #1 Got to the main entrance by the bell on Fremont Street. There is angled parking along the street.	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm` Monday through Friday	121 Fremont Street, Walworth, WI 53184 (262)-275-6896

Students who opt out of daily testing will be required to quarantine for up to 14 days. Students who are tested daily outside of school can remain in person by showing evidence of the negative test each day of the modified quarantine period. If your child is currently quarantined as a close contact and you wish to have them return under this new protocol, please contact the school nurse to make arrangements.

We continue to emphasize that vaccination is the best way to protect ourselves and others from developing serious complications from COVID as well as to have uninterrupted participation in school-related activities.

The School District will reserve the option to quarantine students without an option to Test and Stay.

The consent form for testing at school can be found attached to this letter, on our website under "COVID-19 Resources" and in the main office. **A separate consent form is required for each person who participates.**

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse at jlohse@fontana.k12.wi.us

Sincerely,

Julie Lohse, District Nurse
Steve Torrez, Principal
Mark Wenzel, District Administrator