

WRSD - COVID-19 Protocols (Updated 5/26/22 in alignment with DESE/DPH Guidance)

Test Positive for COVID-19	A Close Contact STAFF <i>Note: This protocol only applies to asymptomatic, unvaccinated Staff per DESE protocols</i>	A Close Contact STUDENT	COVID-19 Symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negative COVID test result Not Covid tested, or Alternative diagnosis
Duration: Self-Isolation for 5 days after symptom onset or after positive PCR or antigen test.	Duration: Quarantine at least 5 days from the date of exposure.	Duration: Quarantine for asymptomatic exposed students is no longer required.	Duration: Dependent on symptom resolution.
Return to school: After 5 days, returning on day 6, provided they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have improvement in symptoms. Have been without a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Wear a mask for 5 additional days when around others, other than eating, drinking, or outside. 	Return to school: After 5 days, returning on day 6, provided that they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain Asymptomatic, and Conduct active monitoring for symptoms through 10 days, Self isolate if symptoms develop Adhere to strict mask use for additional 5 days while around others unless eating, drinking, or outside. 	Return to school: Students can return to school as long as they are asymptomatic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who can mask should do so until Day 10. 	Return to school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have improvement in symptoms Have been without a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Please continue to follow the Guidelines for When Your Child is Sick protocol. Symptomatic children can remain in school if they are tested immediately onsite, and the test is negative. Best practice is to wear a mask, if possible, until symptoms are fully resolved.
Note: •If the child is unable to mask, they must have a negative test on Day 5 or later in order to return to programming prior to day 11.	Note: •Best Practice would also include an antigen or PCR test at day 5 after exposure. An antigen test may be self-administered. <i>Staff Must Follow DESE protocol DESE/DPH Protocols</i>	Note: •A test on Day 2 and 5 is recommended, and not required.	Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended that individuals receive a negative PCR or antigen test results for COVID -19. If you are symptomatic, close contact you are presumed positive until you receive a negative test or alternative diagnosis.

If you would like to participate in the WRSD School Testing Program, please visit the links below:

1. *Symptomatic Testing and Pooled testing*
[Online consent](#)

2. *At- Home Testing Program*
[Opt-In Link - At-Home Test Kits](#)

Vaccination Status

- At this time, a person is considered fully-vaccinated two weeks following the completion of the Pfizer or Moderna two-dose series or two weeks following a single dose of Johnson and Johnson's Janssen Vaccine.

Pooled Testing Results

- Individuals will be notified of positive test results by email and notification from the school. Positive individuals should follow the isolation guidelines (*see Test Positive for COVID-19 box on previous page*).
- If an individual tests positive as part of a group pooled test, the 5-day Isolation period (Day 0) begins the day the positive group pooled test was collected.

Definition of a Close Contact outside of school:
Close contacts are defined as individuals who have been within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive individual while indoors, for at least 15 minutes during a 24-hour period.*

Please note that the at-risk exposure time begins 48 hours prior to symptom onset (or time of positive test if asymptomatic) and continues until the time the COVID-19 positive individual is isolated.

***The following close contacts are exempt from testing and quarantine response protocols:**

- Students that are **asymptomatic, close contacts.**
- **Classroom close contacts.**
- **Close contacts who have had COVID-19 within the past 90 days.**

More Information About Isolation & Quarantine

Reference: [DESE/DPH Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios - SY 2021-22](#)

COVID Positive Person (Isolation)	Close Contact (Quarantine) - STAFF Only
<p>Isolation Definition: Isolation separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Isolation Duration: at least 5 days. Return is based on symptoms and must wear a mask for an additional 5 days.- Start: Day 0 is considered the day of first symptoms (if symptomatic) or the day of the positive COVID test (if asymptomatic)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A COVID Positive Person can return on day 6 if they:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Have improvement in symptoms.</i>- <i>Have been without a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.</i>- <i>Wear a mask for 5 additional days when around others.</i>	<p>Quarantine Definition: Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. (see exemptions on previous page)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Quarantine Duration: at least 5 days from the date of exposure.- Start: Day 0 is considered the day of last exposure.- Return to School: After 5 days, returning on day 6, provided that they:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Remain asymptomatic, and- Conduct active monitoring for symptoms through day 10, self-isolate if symptoms develop, and adhere to strict mask use for an additional 5 days. <p>Household Positive Exposure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>If the COVID-positive person in a household is masking in the household at all times, including days 6-10 of their isolation, then quarantine for impacted close contacts can start on day 6 of the isolation period.</i>● <i>If the case is not masking at all times in the household, quarantine must start after day 10 of the isolation period.</i>

Resources:

- Covid Test Location: [Find a COVID-19 Test | Mass.gov](#)
- Vaccination Finder: <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>

Vaccination Information

- [COVID-19 vaccinations Information for children ages 5-11](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccinations information for people ages 12-17](#)

References:

- [DESE/DPH Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios - SY 2021-22](#)
- [CDC- Isolation and Quarantine Guidance](#)
- [COVID-19 Updates and Information | Mass.gov](#)
- [Guidelines for When Your Child is Sick](#)
- [Return to schools, childcare, or certain healthcare settings](#)
- [Massachusetts DPH Isolation and Quarantine Guidance](#)

