



# PRAIRIE GROVE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

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Dear parents and guardians,

McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) has adopted the latest guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regarding local school requirements. Those requirements include changes that were previously outlined in school communication documents from January 2022.

## MCDH / IDPH Changes

- Any close contact that tested positive for COVID-19 in the **last 90 calendar days** does not need to be excluded from school unless a new onset of COVID-like symptoms occurs.
- Once the 90 days since symptom onset or positive test result has passed, regular quarantine guidelines and exclusion criteria resume.
- To be exempt from quarantine and/or exclusion, the individual must provide the school with a documented positive test result from the lab or medical center (a home test must include the attestation form).
  - *Per new IDPH guidelines, any individual who has tested positive in the last 90 calendar days **AND** has a new onset of COVID-19 symptoms, are to be excluded from school and tested.*
- Anyone over the age of 5 that has provided proof of being “up-to-date” with all recommended COVID-19 vaccines may be exempt from quarantine and/or exclusion so long as they remain without symptoms.
- Criteria for being considered “up-to-date” and therefore exempt from quarantine and/or exclusion includes:
  - At least 14 days since the completion of primary vaccine series, and
  - *Has received a booster, if eligible (age 12+)*
    - **Pfizer/Moderna:** Eligible to receive booster 5 months after completion of primary 2-dose series
    - **Johnson & Johnson (J&J):** Eligible to receive booster 2 months after receiving 1 dose primary vaccine

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff.

All the best,

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