

GUIDANCE TO SUPPORT SAFE IN-PERSON OPERATIONS FOR PREK-12 SCHOOLS ISSUED JULY 22, 2022

- Strategies for Everyday Operations
 - Vaccinations are now available for children ages 6 months and older.
 - Staff and students who have symptoms of an infectious illness should not attend work or school.
 - Staff and families should notify the school when a staff member or students has a positive test for Covid-19. ACPS will continue to report positive cases to MSDE.
 - If a student becomes ill during the school day, the student will report to the health room where they will wear a mask, and will be separated from well persons. Parents will be asked to pick up ill students in a timely manner.
 - It is recommended that persons with symptoms of Covid-19 be tested. If the test is negative they may return when symptoms are improved and they are fever free for 24 hours.

PROCEDURE FOR PERSONS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

- Stay home for at least 5 full days from the date of symptom onset if symptomatic or from the date of the positive test if no symptoms.
 - Day 0 is considered the day symptoms started in symptomatic persons or the day of the positive test (date of testing) if asymptomatic.
 - After Day 5, if the person has no symptoms or if symptoms are improved and they have had no fever for 24 hours without medication, they may return to school if they wear a well-fitting mask for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10).
 - Masks do not need to be worn in schools while eating, drinking or outside.

STRATEGIES FOR EVERYDAY OPERATIONS CONT.

- Air purifiers will continued to be used in classroom settings.
- Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will continue to be reinforced.
- High touch surfaces will continue to be cleaned daily.

COVID-19 PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- 1. Contact Tracing and Quarantine of Close Contacts
 - Universal contact tracing is no longer recommended in schools.
 - Staff and students who are known close contacts, regardless of their vaccination status, can continue to attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic.
 - Masks should be worn for 10 days post exposure to the positive person.
 - It is recommended that individuals test 3-5 days after exposure.
- 2. Masking
 - Staff and students may choose to wear a mask based on their personal preference or informed by their personal level of risk to themselves or their household or social contacts. ACPS supports voluntary masking for any reason.

COVID-19 PREVENTION STRATEGIES CONT.

- 3. Covid-19 testing
 - ACPS will provide take home test kits to those students exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19. A negative home test will be accepted as proof of a negative test. Parents will need to write their child's name and date on the test, and provide a picture to the school for the student to return. The student will still need to have improved symptoms.
 - Parents will be encouraged to report positive tests to the Maryland Department of Health through a link that will be provided.

COVID-19 PREVENTION STRATEGIES CONT.

■ 4. School Outbreaks

- The outbreak definition will remain the same as the end of the previous school year. Contact tracing will be performed for cases linked to an outbreak. This will focus on those who started having symptoms or tested positive in the last 5 days, and notification of close contacts will focus on those who were exposed in the last 5 days. Parents will be notified of all outbreaks in their child's school and cohort.
- It is possible that during an outbreak additional control measures may be recommended including:
 - Masking
 - Recommendation of testing
 - Increased hand washing
 - Rescheduling of events

MDH/MSDE GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19 SYMPTOMS, ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

Staff or Student with	Guidance for Management
Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff or student should not attend work or school• Covid-19 testing is recommended• If test is negative, may return when symptoms improve, no fever for 24 hours without medication
Positive test for Covid-19, regardless of symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff or student must stay home for 5 days from the start of symptoms or from the date of positive test if no symptoms.• After day 5 may return if symptoms have improved and no fever for 24 hours without medication.• Must wear a mask for an additional 5 days except when eating, drinking or outside.
Close contact with someone with known or suspected Covid-19 but no symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff or student can continue to work or attend school regardless of vaccination status• Should mask 10 days from the last date of exposure.• A test at 3-5 days after exposure is recommended.