

What to Expect When Our School Has a Positive COVID Case

The news of a positive COVID case can be scary, but we're following a layered prevention strategy within our school and adhering to the latest guidance set forth by the Wayne RESA Return to School Roadmap and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

With mandatory masking and seating charts, we can reduce the disruption on students and staff while adhering to public health protocols. Below is a summary of guidance for exposure scenarios. You can visit the resources linked at the bottom of this page for more information.

COVID-19 School Quarantine Guidelines for Asymptomatic Students and Staff

School quarantine guidance for asymptomatic students and staff (those who are not showing symptoms) who were exposed to a student infected with COVID-19 varies depending on a variety of circumstances, many of which are detailed below. In all scenarios, the student who has tested positive for COVID-19 should isolate and follow directions from their local health department.

School Quarantine Guidance

What to do when a student is exposed to COVID-19 but doesn't have symptoms.

Masking helps keep kids in the classroom.

If the COVID-exposed student was:	Then they should:			
Vaccinated, regardless of masking and distancing.	Test on day 3, 4, or 5 and monitor symptoms for 14 days.			
Distanced 3–6 feet and masked AND the COVID-positive student was masked.	Monitor symptoms for 14 days.			
Less than 3 feet apart and masked AND the COVID-positive student was masked.	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px; width: 50%;"> Daily test for 7 days and monitor symptoms for 14 days. </td> <td style="background-color: #1a3d4d; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px; width: 10%;"> OR </td> <td style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px; width: 40%;"> Stay home for 7 days, return after day 7 with negative test or return after day 10. </td> </tr> </table>	Daily test for 7 days and monitor symptoms for 14 days.	OR	Stay home for 7 days, return after day 7 with negative test or return after day 10.
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Unmasked OR the COVID-positive student was unmasked.	Stay home for 7 days, return after day 7 with negative test or return after day 10.			

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 = Vaccinated

 = Stay in-person

 = Stay home

Any staff or student experiencing COVID symptoms (including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) **should not come to school, should isolate and should be tested for COVID.**