



Covid Protocols & Testing Strategy

January 2022

Covid Positive/Presumed Positive

- The Academy continues to carefully monitor all Covid cases in our Academy community and complete contact tracing to assess if Covid is spreading on-campus.
- All individuals who contract Covid (or are presumed to have Covid) should report the details through our website (Covid Response >> Report an incident)
- Individuals with Covid/presumed Covid will be required to quarantine for the longer of:
 - 5 days
 - 24 hours without symptoms (excepting loss of smell/taste)
- Our School Nurse will continue to confirm for each individual the specific dates of quarantine as relevant.

Close Contacts

- Students and teachers who have intermittent and brief close contact with a Covid-positive individual (such as the brief exposure from a classmate with asymptomatic Covid) will be permitted to return to school.
- Students and teachers with prolonged close contacts, such as when a member of the same household contracts Covid, will be required to do one of the following:
 - Quarantine for 5 days and return with a negative test
 - Quarantine for 5 days and then mask for 5 additional days
 - Quarantine for 10 days
- Earlier returns are permitted under specific circumstances:
 - Evidence of natural immunity:
 - full vaccination, as currently defined by CDC, or
 - Covid within past 6 months, or
 - Evidence of Covid antibodies within past 30 days, or
 - note from your child's pediatrician.
 - The School Nurse is also available to assist families in identifying when returning to school is appropriate.
 - Same day negative Covid test (a.k.a. daily 'test to return'; dependent on testing availability)

Illness at School

- When students are clearly ill/contagious or have unexplained symptoms, the school nurse may refer students to their medical provider and require a note for clearance to return to school.

Ongoing adjustments to policy may be made based on current circumstances

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