



St. Dennis School COVID Update - 1/2/22

As we are all aware of the increasing cases of the highly contagious COVID Omicron variant it is important that we step back and update our current mitigation measures to ensure the safety of our students. Although, we are not intending to go to virtual learning, if in the case of staffing shortages, outbreaks, or by requirement, we will be organized and ready to go. In order to avoid this, we must stay vigilant in our safety practices. I am highly confident if we continue to work together, we can keep our children in school safely.

COVID Protocols

- Students experiencing COVID related symptoms should stay home and consider being tested.
- Please communicate any exposures, positive cases, or COVID concerns or questions to Mr. Beisser. This is essential, given the shorten quarantine time and highly contagiousness of the virus, to be notified immediately.
- **MASKS**- must be worn at all times in the building appropriately. (Please send extra with your child.
- Students will be assigned seats in the lunchroom/gym in order to help with contact tracing.
- Classes will stagger use of hallway to avoid bottlenecking.
- Temperatures will be taken at the beginning of the day
- Sanitizing hands and commonly used items will occur constantly.
- Students needing to quarantine, unless the entire class is in quarantine, will receive homework as if they are absent.

Student Tests Positive: (taken directly from public health)

- The time for isolation following a positive COVID-19 test *for asymptomatic individuals* is now 5 days, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others.
- Individuals can stop isolating after 5 days as long as their symptoms are improving and they have been fever-free for 24 hours.
- Symptomatic individuals should not return until 5 days have elapsed AND symptoms have improved.

Positive Case in a Home:

- Isolate from positive person
- **Regardless of vaccination status**, all children in family must quarantine for 5 days and test negative and have no symptoms to return to school.

Quarantine after exposed to positive person (outside of home). (Taken directly from public health)

- Everyone who has been exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive should test after 5 days.
- **Unvaccinated/More than six months from mRNA vaccine and not yet boosted/More than 2 months from J&J vaccine and not yet boosted:** Quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days.
- **Fully vaccinated AND boosted:** Do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.
- Siblings of an exposure will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mr. Matt Beisser