



January 11, 2022

Dear Whitefish Bay School Community,

In accordance with [new CDC recommendations](#) as well as new guidance from the Health Officers of [Milwaukee County Health Departments](#), and in consideration of the significant increase in resources required for contact tracing procedures, we are writing to inform you of changes related to isolation and quarantine practices, contact tracing, and testing options in the District moving forward.

Reminders:

If your student has [COVID-19 symptoms](#), they should **not** come to school and should get tested.

Mask use is required in Whitefish Bay Schools, in accordance with [School Board Policy](#). It is of utmost importance that masks are worn appropriately and fit appropriately. See [CDC guidance on masks](#) for additional information.

***Effective Monday, January 10, 2022 * Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines:**

If your student is currently in isolation or quarantine:

- Your student can return to school beginning on Day 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 of their isolation/quarantine **only if** they are asymptomatic. This means any student who began isolation or quarantine on January 4th or earlier can return to school on January 10th if they are asymptomatic. If you have questions about your student's return-to-school timeline, please keep your student at home and contact your school's clinic first thing Monday morning to determine the return date.

Testing Positive:

- If your student tests positive for COVID-19, please contact your school's clinic (contact information below under COVID-19 Testing). Your student must isolate for 5 days (time frame dependent upon when symptoms started or date of test). If your student continues to have a fever or other symptoms such as a significant runny nose or cough after the 5 days, they should remain home until they have been asymptomatic for 24 hours, with the possibility of returning on Day 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10.
- If your student tests positive and is asymptomatic or their symptoms resolve after 5 days, they can return to school and should continue wearing a [well-fitted mask](#). If your student continues to have a fever or other symptoms such as a significant runny nose or cough, they should stay home for a full 10 days. If you are unsure if your student is continuing to have symptoms beyond their 5 days of isolation, continue to isolate until your symptoms resolve or obtain a negative test.

Close Contacts:

- **Fully Vaccinated Students:**

Students must have both original COVID-19 shots (or one shot of the J&J vaccine), and have waited two weeks after their last shot, in order to be considered fully vaccinated. [Booster shots](#) are also strongly encouraged for those who are eligible.

If your student has been a close contact and is vaccinated, your student may continue to report to school, monitor for symptoms closely, and continue to wear a mask. If your student develops symptoms, notify your healthcare provider and stay home. Get them tested for COVID-19 (see COVID-19 Testing below) and stay home until the test results are received. They may return sooner if they receive a negative test. See Contact Tracing, below, for more information.

- **Unvaccinated Students:**

If your student has been a close contact and is unvaccinated, they must quarantine for 5 days and can then return to school if asymptomatic, wearing a [well-fitting mask](#). Monitor for symptoms closely and begin isolation if they experience symptoms. In accordance with the CDC guidelines, it is best practice to be tested for COVID-19 at day 5 after exposure; however, this is not required at this time.

Contact Tracing: Contact tracing for vaccinated individuals at a classroom level will be very limited at this time. We hope that classroom contact tracing for vaccinated individuals may resume in the future and we will keep families updated to any changes. All parents are advised to carefully monitor their child and keep them home if they have any [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

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Students must have both original COVID-19 shots (or one shot of the J&J vaccine), and have waited two weeks after their last shot, in order to be considered fully vaccinated. [Booster shots](#) are also strongly encouraged for those who are eligible.

If your student is fully vaccinated, you will **not** receive a phone call or letter if your student has been a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Your student does not need to quarantine and can continue to attend school.

As always, please continue to monitor for any symptoms of COVID-19 daily. Your student may attend school as long as they remain symptom-free. **If your student develops symptoms**, notify your healthcare provider and stay home. Get them tested for COVID-19 (see COVID-19 Testing below) and stay home until the test results are received.

- **Unvaccinated Students:**

If your student is not fully vaccinated for COVID-19, you will receive a phone call notifying you if your student has been a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Quarantine periods and options for unvaccinated individuals are based on CDC and NSHD guidance, and can be found above. Testing options for COVID-19 are included under the COVID-19 Testing heading below.

COVID-19 Testing: We recommend that anyone who has shown symptoms of COVID-19 be tested. Your child can be tested at your regular healthcare provider, a local clinic, a community testing site, or [the District Testing site](#).

- **Rapid At-Home Tests:** Due to a shortage in COVID-19 tests and high transmission rates, the District will accept **positive** test results from rapid at-home tests.
 - If your student is symptomatic and has a negative result from an at-home test, the student will need to be tested by a third-party with a negative test result to return to school.
 - If your student has a positive at-home test result, they will need to follow the guidance provided above.

- **Third-Party Testing Options:** In addition to testing through the District’s partnership with [ACL](#), testing opportunities are included on [the North Shore Health Department website](#) and are often available through a healthcare provider.

- **When You Receive Positive or Negative Test Results:**
Email your student's COVID-19 test results to your school's clinic:
Cumberland: cumberland.clinic@wfbschools.com
Richards: richards.clinic@wfbschools.com
Middle School: joan.ackermann@wfbschools.com AND jennifer.nedostup@wfbschools.com
High School: allison.heisler@wfbschools.com

Information and Questions - For more information on District COVID-19 testing and cases, visit the [District COVID-19 Safety & Communications page](#).

If you have any questions, please call your school’s clinic, or the District Nurse’s office, at 414-963-3989.

About COVID-19 - COVID-19 is an illness caused by a new coronavirus. It spreads from person to person through droplets created when we cough, sneeze, talk, sing or laugh. Most people who get COVID-19 have mild illness, similar to having a cold or the flu. However, in others it can cause severe illness, such as pneumonia. [Symptoms of COVID-19 can be found on the CDC’s website](#).

Get medical attention immediately if your son/daughter has any of these warning signs:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- Bluish lips or face
- New confusion or inability to be woken up

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to keeping our kids in schools and safe for the 2021-22 school year.