

Quick Reference for COVID Guidance

As COVID-19 begins to transition to an endemic communicable disease, the most recent guidance from the Washtenaw County Health Department for the school setting is reflective of this transition. There is now less focus on tracking individual cases and more focus on tracking *aggregate* activity and monitoring for outbreak situations. Please see the main highlights of the updated guidance outlined below; the full *COVID-19 Guidance for Schools and Childcare* guidance document is available [here](#).

If Your Student Tests Positive for COVID-19:

- Exclude from school for 5 days from symptom onset (day “0”) and until symptoms have improved and they have been fever-free for 24 hours
- Masking is recommended through day 10
- Testing is not required prior to returning to school
- Report your student’s positive test to the school for aggregate reporting purposes (we are no longer tracking details related to individual cases).

If Your Student is a Close Contact to Someone Who Has COVID-19:

- No exclusion from school is required (if there are no symptoms)
- Masking is recommended
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and if they develop, testing is encouraged. If the test is negative initially, retesting is recommended over a 2-3 day period.

Classroom Notifications:

- We will no longer be notifying classrooms or buildings regarding individual COVID cases.
- We will continue to monitor for outbreak situations and notify families in these situations as required by the health department guidance linked above.

Under the Current Guidance, Masking is Recommended:

- For household or personal contacts of a positive case
- If you are notified of an outbreak in your student’s classroom
- During periods of high community transmission

COVID-19 Testing:

- We no longer require proof of a COVID test; we are relying on the partnership with our families to follow the COVID and general communicable disease guidance outlined in [Managing Communicable Disease in Schools](#)
- In-school testing this year will be extremely limited. We have ample free rapid tests still available in each school office upon request.

Please contact Karan Hervey, District Nurse at hervekar@salineschools.org or Wendy Portwood, District Nurse at portwoow@salineschools.org with any questions.

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