

There have been changes in recommended practices from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as from the New Jersey Department of Health regarding isolation and quarantine protocols for COVID-positive individuals as well as those that are close contacts to a COVID positive individual.

Students regardless of vaccination status, who test positive or individuals with COVID19 symptoms who have not been tested and do not have an alternative diagnosis from their healthcare provider will:

- Stay home for at least 5 full days after the onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic after the positive test (the first day of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, the day the test was performed is day 0).

- If they have no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days and are fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours, they can leave their home and will:
 - Wear a mask when around others at home and in public (indoors and outdoors) for an additional 5 days. For these additional 5 days, schools will have a plan to ensure adequate distance during those activities (i.e., eating) when mask-wearing is not possible. Time without the mask being worn should be kept to the minimum possible.
 - On days 6-10, limit participation in extracurricular activities to only those activities where masks can be worn consistently and correctly.

As of February 1, exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 compatible symptoms in the following groups **will be** excluded from school:

- Persons who are not fully vaccinated.

As of February 1, exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms in the following groups **will not be** excluded from school:

- Age 12 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses.
- Age 5-11 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (tested positive using a viral test).

Students returning on days 6-10 will eat in a separate space and maintain social distance from other students while eating in compliance with NHDOH guidance. Parents must acknowledge and agree to this requirement in writing prior to the student's return. Students who are not compliant will be returned to virtual instruction until the isolation window has closed.