



## **Welcome Back!**

Since the onset of the COVID pandemic, the Goodwin University Magnet School System followed the science as well as guidance from health experts to keep students and staff safe. Working with LEARN, we are committed to doing the same this year.

Below you will find important health information to start the new school year.

### **Daily Self-Monitoring for COVID-19 Symptoms**

Monitoring daily symptoms can help detect the early onset of illness so that students and staff can isolate themselves from others and reduce their risk of spreading disease. We all have a role to play in protecting ourselves and others. Self-monitoring for COVID-19 related symptoms is the best method for protecting yourself, family members, friends, coworkers, and members of the school community.

### **Getting Vaccinated**

While school-based mitigation strategies have proved extremely effective at stemming the spread of COVID, science recognizes that vaccination is the best way to keep everyone safe. We encourage members of our community who are able to be vaccinated to do so as soon as they are eligible. You can find information on vaccination locations by visiting [ct.gov/covidvaccine](http://ct.gov/covidvaccine).

### **Proof of Vaccination**

At this time, vaccinated people do not need to quarantine if they do not have symptoms. We are asking families to provide their school nurse with a copy of their students vaccination card if they have been vaccinated. This will allow us to efficiently conduct tracing and prioritize notification of those who will need to quarantine. Below is the contact information for each school nurse to whom you would provide this information to. This information will be kept confidential and used only for the purpose of contact tracing. If you have further questions regarding this, please reach out to your school nurse.

### **Reach out to the School Nurse**

There are many complex scenarios involving Covid-19 that can come up in your household. We are asking you to please reach out **especially before sending your child into school**. This will help us monitor and prepare for a possible scenario and allow our medical professionals to share their knowledge of local health district guidance with you. Here are some situations that we would really like you to reach out about:

- Anyone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms
- Anyone in the household has been identified as a close contact
- Anyone in the household is getting tested due to Covid concerns

- Questions or

updates about current quarantine

School	School Nurse	Email	Phone
RMS	Mandy Taber	<a href="mailto:MTaber@riversidemagnetschool.org">MTaber@riversidemagnetschool.org</a>	860-709-6812
CTRA Middle Level	Rebecca Dery	<a href="mailto:RDery@ctriveracademy.org">RDery@ctriveracademy.org</a>	860-929-3165
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### **Masks are still Required At School**

At this time, the Goodwin University Magnet School System continues to follow Governor Lamont's Executive Order 13A that is in place until September 30, 2021. Furthermore, the DPH commissioner has further clarified the order requiring universal masking in schools in the DPH order issued on August 7, 2021.

Masks will continue to be required of all students and staff while in school buildings and on bus transportation - regardless of vaccination status. Masks will not be required while outdoors. Masks will be available to all students and staff at all of our locations

As guidance is updated, we will make sure to communicate any changes as it becomes available.

### **Quarantine after + COVID-19 exposure**

#### **Quarantine Procedure**

The school nurse in collaboration with the COVID liaison will follow the DPH and local health departments guidance regarding COVID-19 Scenarios to determine next steps if your child is a close contact to a + COVID-19 case or has symptoms.

- Fully vaccinated individuals who do not have symptoms do not need to quarantine; however, it is recommended that they are tested 3-5 days post exposure.
- Unvaccinated individuals and symptomatic vaccinated individuals will quarantine for 10 days.

### **Domestic Travel During COVID-19**

#### **Travel Recommendations**

- There are currently NO travel mandates or requirements in the State of Connecticut. Connecticut residents and travelers to Connecticut should follow travel-related guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH).
- Prior to traveling outside of your local community, consider that travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19.



- Travelers should when planning community. Know your travel risk. Do not travel if you are sick, are considered infectious after testing positive for COVID-19, or should be quarantined after exposure to a person with COVID-19. review CDC's travel guidance travel outside of their local