



Rankin County School District Smart Restart Plan Update: January 9, 2022

In alignment with Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) guidelines, we have updated our isolation/quarantine protocols.

If a student tests POSITIVE for COVID-19, he/she is required to isolate for five (5) days at home. If he/she has no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days, he/she may return to school on day six (6) AND must wear a mask correctly for the remaining 5 days. If he/she continues to have symptoms or chooses not to wear a mask, the student will need to isolate at home for the full ten (10) days.

If a student is a CLOSE CONTACT, as defined by the MSDH, to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and the student has completed the primary vaccine series of Pfizer or Moderna over 6 months ago & is not boosted, OR completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago & is not boosted, OR is unvaccinated, the student must:

- Quarantine at home for five (5) days.

- May return to school on day 6 if he/she wears a mask correctly while around other people through day 10.
- If the student prefers not to wear a mask, he/she must quarantine for 10 days at home.

If a student is a CLOSE CONTACT to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and the student has tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days (a copy of the student's test results is required), OR has been boosted, OR completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months, OR completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months (proof of vaccination is required) the student must:

- Wear a mask correctly while around other people for 10 days
- If the student prefers not to wear a mask, he/she must quarantine for 10 days at home.

** Quarantine begins on the last day the student is exposed to the positive case. It is recommended by MSDH to test on day 5, if possible. RCSD will provide testing, free of charge, for asymptomatic close contacts as supplies remain available. To schedule an appointment to test your student, please contact your local school office.*