



## KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20

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Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

We are pleased to share with our families that the required period for isolation of symptomatic and positive COVID-19 cases and the quarantine period for close contacts will **be reduced to 5 days, starting on Tuesday, 1/18/2022**. Please note that any students or staff that are impacted by isolation or quarantine as of 1/18 will be contacted with a new return to school date. Contact your school nurse with any questions regarding when your child is approved to return to school.

**All extracurricular activities and after school athletic practices will also resume on Tuesday, 1/18, for elementary and middle school students.** Athletic games will continue to be on pause until further notice.

District 20's Revised COVID-19 Protocols align with the recent guidelines and information released by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [Illinois Executive Order 2022-03](#), [Illinois Department of Health \(IDPH\) & Illinois State Board of Education \(ISBE\) Joint Guidance](#), and [DuPage County Health Department \(DCHD\)](#). For more information, please see CDC's [Why CDC Shortened Isolation and Quarantine for the General Population](#) and [Overview of COVID-19 Quarantine for K-12 Schools](#).

Our top priority is still the health and safety of our students and staff and we will implement our layered mitigation approach to enable us to continue to provide in-person learning in a safe way. The D20 COVID-19 Protocols including universal masking, physical distancing, enhanced hygiene and cleaning practices will remain in place at this time. As a reminder, District 20 offers **free, quick, and easy COVID-19 testing** at school to keep our learning environment safe and help keep your child in school as much as possible. [Register for D20 COVID-19 Testing](#).

### **DISTRICT 20 COVID-19 PROTOCOL UPDATES**

#### **Isolation of POSITIVE CASES**

If you test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, students and staff **must stay home and isolate for 5 calendar days**. *To calculate the length of isolation, day 0 is the first day of symptoms or the specimen collection date (if no symptoms are present) and the isolation period runs from day 1 through day 5.* **May return to school on day 6 if the following requirements are met:**

- 1) Must be fever-free and no vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.** If symptoms are still present and have not improved after 5 days, the student/staff should wait to end isolation (and do not come to school) until they are fever-free and no vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.
- 2) Must continue to wear well-fitted mask around others, including at home for 5 additional days after isolation.** If unable to wear a mask when around others, they must continue to isolate for a total of 10 days.

#### **Isolation of SYMPTOMATIC CASES**

If you have one or more of the [COVID-19 symptoms](#), regardless of vaccination status, students and staff must either **(A) get tested and show proof of negative test OR (B) stay home and isolate for 5 days:**

- A. Get tested and provide proof of negative COVID-19 test results (RT-PCR or NAAT testing only).** Testing will continue be available at school before you are sent home sick, parents may register online for the complete [D20 COVID-19 Testing Program](#) or fill out a paper one-time consent form with the school nurse. **May return to school, if the following requirements are met:**

- 1) **Must be fever-free and no vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.** If symptoms are still present and have not improved after negative result, the student/staff should wait to end isolation (and do not come to school) until they are fever-free and no vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.
- 2) **Must continue to wear well-fitted mask around others, including at home for 5 additional days after isolation.** If unable to wear a mask when around others, they must isolate for a total of 10 days.

**--OR--**

**B. If you choose not to get tested, you stay home and isolate for 5 calendar days.** *To calculate the length of isolation, day 0 is the first day of symptoms or the specimen collection date (if no symptoms are present) and the isolation period runs from day 1 through day 5. May return to school on day 6 if the following requirements are met:*

- 1) **Must be fever-free and no vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.** If symptoms are still present and have not improved after 5 days, the student/staff should wait to end isolation (and do not come to school) until they are fever-free and no vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.
- 2) **Must continue to wear well-fitted mask around others, including at home for 5 additional days after isolation.** If unable to wear a mask when around others, they must continue to isolate for a total of 10 days.

### **Quarantine of CLOSE CONTACTS**

If you were exposed to someone with a positive COVID-19 case and have no [COVID-19 symptoms](#), **students and staff in one of the following groups must either (A) participate in the Test to Stay alternative (see below) **OR** (B) quarantine at home for 5 days:**

- ✓ Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated (not completed the primary COVID-19 vaccine doses)
- ✓ Staff who have received the primary COVID-19 vaccine doses but have not received a booster dose when eligible (“unboosted”)

***The following people are exempt from this requirement (not required to Quarantine or complete Test to Stay)***

- ✓ Students ages 5-17 years who completed the primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine
- ✓ Staff who have received all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, including boosters
- ✓ Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days from the date of exposure

**A. Test to Stay (TTS) is an alternative to quarantine for asymptomatic students and staff who were exposed to a positive case while at school, during the school day.** The program does not apply to exposures outside of the school day (i.e., extracurricular activities) or household exposures.

- 1) **Test to stay combines contact tracing and serial testing to allow the close contact to remain in school in a safe way.** Rapid antigen testing will be conducted in the school nurse’s office using a gentle, anterior nasal swab, two times: (1) on the first day of close contact notification/TTS enrollment and (2) on day 5 after exposure. *If the test results are negative, you may return to the classroom. If a positive result occurs or symptoms begin, you will be immediately isolated and sent home to follow the above protocols.*
- 2) **Parents and Staff must opt-in to the Test to Stay program by registering online for the [D20 COVID-19 Testing Program](#).** *If you have previously registered online for the D20 COVID-19 Testing Program you have already consented to Test to Stay (if you choose not to participate in Test to Stay contact your school nurse to let them know).*

**--OR--**

**B. If you choose not to participate in Test to Stay, you must stay home and quarantine for 5 calendar days.** *To calculate the length of quarantine, day 0 is the last day of contact with the positive case and the*

*quarantine period runs from day 1 through day 5. **May return to school on day 6 if the following requirements are met:***

- 1) Must remain asymptomatic.** If one or more [COVID-19 symptom](#) arise, you must isolate at home and follow the above protocols for Symptomatic Cases.
- 2) Must continue to wear well-fitted mask around others, including at home for 5 additional days after isolation.** If unable to wear a mask when around others, they should continue to isolate for a total of 10 days.

We know that there is a lot of information to digest with these revised COVID-19 Protocols. We will continue to keep you informed of any updates and will post the District's updated protocols on the website under the "[Return to Learn](#)" tab. We will continue to inform families of positive cases that were present in our school buildings on the [D20 COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your school nurse or administrators if you have questions or concerns regarding these protocols or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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Keeneyville ESD 20