



Newmark Education

Parent Alert

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Updated COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines

Dear Newmark Parents,

Newmark continually reviews and updates the guidance in regards to COVID-19 and K-12 Schools. The guidance is based on what is currently known about the transmission and severity of COVID-19 and is subject to change as additional information becomes available. We are updating our Newmark quarantine information based on the recommendation of our local health department (see helpful visual chart below).

Please know that anytime a child exhibits a single symptom, it will be required that they test to determine diagnosis, especially if they have attended school since we **MUST** know for contact tracing purposes.

Updated COVID-19 Exclusion (Isolation) Criteria

1. For persons who have COVID-19 compatible symptoms or who test positive for COVID-19:

Regardless of vaccination status, individuals who test positive or individuals with COVID-19 symptoms and do not have an alternative diagnosis from their healthcare provider should;

- Stay home for at least 5 full days after the onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic, after the positive test.
- If they have no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days, they can leave their home and should;
- Wear a mask when around others at home and in public (indoors and outdoors) for an additional 5 full days. For these additional 5 days in school, students **MUST** wear a KN95 mask in school and will eat at a separate lunch table by themselves for 5 days.

2. COVID-19 exclusion criteria for close contacts (quarantine):

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 compatible symptoms in the following groups should be excluded from school (quarantined):

- Age 18 or older who completed the primary series of a recommended COVID-19 vaccine, but have **NOT** received a recommended booster shot when eligible.
- Persons younger than 18 years old who are not fully vaccinated

For determining the timing of close contact to a COVID-19 case: Individuals would only be considered exposed if they had close contact during the case's isolation period (day 1-5). Individuals would **NOT** be considered exposed during the case's additional precaution period (day 6-10).

Exception: Household contacts who can't isolate away from a household member with COVID-19 should start their quarantine period on the day after the household member would have completed their 10-day isolation period, UNLESS the household member is able to consistently wear a well-fitted mask in the household through day 10, in which case the quarantine period would start on the day after the household member completes their 5-day isolation period.

**[View COVID-19 POSITIVE OR HAVE SYMPTOMS?](#) for a clear visual
on the new guidelines**

In any and all circumstances, parents **MUST** alert covid@newmarkeducation.com to review all quarantining and testing guidelines. There are extenuating circumstances in individual families and Newmark will always error on the side of caution in determining when a child can return to school. Remote LIVE instruction will continue to be provided for students in COVID quarantine situations.

Thanks again for all your patience and support. As always, continue to reach out to me at rpeter@newmarkeducation.com if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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