

January 19, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over recent weeks, the [CDC](#) and the [PA Department of Education](#) have released updated information regarding COVID-19 guidance for K-12 Schools. We aim to provide some clarity to this new guidance for our schools.

Quarantine Guidelines:

NEW: Persons who meet the following criteria do **NOT** need to quarantine:

- Students ages 12-17 years who completed their [primary vaccine series](#) but have not yet received all [eligible boosters](#). This is to allow time for students to catch up and to minimize disruption to in-person learning.
- People who are 18 or older and have received ALL recommended vaccine doses, including boosters.
- People who are 5-17 and have completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
- People who had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days as diagnosed by a viral test.

Who needs to quarantine?

- People aged 18 or older and completed the [primary series](#) of the recommended vaccine but have not received a [recommended](#) booster shot when eligible.
- People who are not vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series.
- The date of your exposure is considered day 0. Day 1 is the first full day after your last contact with a person who has had COVID-19. Stay home and away from other people for at least 5 days.

Everyone who is a close contact should wear a well-fitting mask around others and watch for COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days from the date of their last close contact with someone with COVID-19.

Contact Tracing and Testing

As discussed at the January 6th school board meeting, CHOP and PolicyLab at CHOP support in-person education, even in times of significant community transmission, and propose **new** guidance which we will discuss again at the January 20th meeting. In doing so, we will present these changes to the Health & Safety Plan:

- While our county is in high transmission we will only contact trace for in-school close contacts of symptomatic individuals in larger congregate settings where individuals are unmasked and where less than six feet of distancing can be achieved.
- We will discontinue the required weekly testing of asymptomatic teachers and staff.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent