

STAY HOME WHEN SICK

People with symptoms of infectious diseases, including COVID-19, should stay home and get tested. Students or/and staff with a confirmed case of COVID-19 should use the CDC calculator to determine a return to school/work date and notify the Elmbrook Schools of their absence. For illnesses other than COVID, students and staff should remain home until they are free of fever, diarrhea, and vomiting for 24 hours, without the use of medication. The use of masks will remain that of personal choice unless recommended to isolate through day 5 and mask days 6-10 and/or directed by the Waukesha County Public Health Department.

Steps to follow when positive with COVID-19

1. Confirm your diagnosis by securing a positive COVID-19 test
2. Use the [CDC calculator](#) to establish your isolation period and mitigation measures following isolation.
3. Report your symptoms, absence, and projected return date to the Attendance Office (students) or in Skyward (staff)
4. Following your isolation period and dissipation of symptoms, return to school or work adhering to the CDC's recommended actions

Families may choose to self-quarantine if they suspect COVID-19 close contact. Families shall notify their school attendance office of the self-quarantine.

Children in isolation or self-quarantine can receive learning materials from school.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING & COMMUNITY SCREENING

Novir will continue to offer COVID-19 [diagnostic and screening tests](#) through a Department of Health Services program through the 2022-23 school year. Testing is facilitated by Novir and is conducted at Hillside Elementary School on [specific dates and times](#).

HIGH-RISK STUDENT POPULATION

Schools with students at risk of getting very sick with COVID-19 must make reasonable modifications when necessary to ensure that all students, including those with disabilities, are able to access learning. Program modifications for students with medical needs are first requested by submitting [this form](#) from a medical provider (page 4 of 9) to the School Principal per [Board Policy 5113](#).

VACCINATIONS

Families and staff are encouraged to discuss vaccinations with their medical providers.

MITIGATION

School staff should clean surfaces at least once a day to reduce the risk of germs spreading by touching surfaces. The space should be cleaned and disinfected if a facility has had a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours.

Washing hands can prevent the spread of infectious diseases. All classrooms will teach and reinforce proper [handwashing](#), covering [coughs and sneezes](#), and the use of hand sanitizer.

The District will continue to leverage its significant investment in ionization technology in classrooms and large group spaces to reduce airborne particles through the airflow from our high-quality HVAC systems. In the event of confirmed school disease activity, portable air scrubbers may be used as an additional mitigation measure.

REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION

Families and community residents can track the following information regarding COVID cases on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website:

- [County Disease Activity](#)
- [School District Boundary Disease Activity](#)
- [Community Status - CDC](#)

The District will not maintain a District COVID dashboard. Unless directed by the County Public Health Division, the District will no longer send school-based exposure notices.

The Waukesha County Public Health Division is the agency designated by state law to receive reports of communicable diseases in Waukesha County residents. The District is required to [submit a report](#) when the absence rate in a particular classroom, grade, or school exceeds 15% due to similar symptoms. Upon receipt of a communicable disease report, Waukesha County Public Health will provide further directives.

REFERENCES

- [Center for Disease Control Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services COVID-19](#)
- [Waukesha County Public Health Coronavirus Information](#)