

RCDS READY

COVID-19 Protocol • 2022-2023

SCHOOL SETTING

All in school protocols such as temperature scanners, distancing, signs, and barriers have been removed.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

Daily cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces and objects that are touched often with an EPA approved product for use against SARS-CoV-2 will continue.

FACE MASKS

Face masks are optional and may be provided as needed by the school nurse.

HYGIENE AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Faculty and staff will continue to teach and reinforce hand washing and encourage students and staff to cover coughs and sneezes with their elbow or tissues.

RESPONSE TO COVID-19 EXPOSURE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more in a 24 hour period.

Individuals are considered exposed to someone with COVID-19 from 2 days prior to symptom onset (or positive test date if asymptomatic) to 5 days after onset.

Quarantine is no longer recommended for students and staff who are exposed to COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status. However, asymptomatic students and staff who were exposed to COVID-19 should continue to test daily for 5-7 days after the last exposure to the positive case.

RESPONSE TO SYMPTOMATIC AND POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor their children for signs and symptoms of illness daily and keep them home if they show any signs of cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea.

Regardless of vaccination or previous infection status, if a student or staff experiences at least two of the following symptoms they should be sent to the nurse's office and sent home from school: fever, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose.

OR, at least one of the following symptoms:

new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell.

All positive COVID-19 cases should remain home for 5 days from the start of symptoms or positive test. If after 5 days students and staff are symptom free and test negative, they may return on day 6. If a student or staff is symptom free after 5 days and tests positive, they may return on day 6 and wear a mask through day 10.

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COMMUNICATION

In Accordance with Executive Order 302 the school nurse will report weekly to the NJ Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System (CDRSS) with a total of all student and staff COVID-19 and flu case counts.

The school nurse will also communicate weekly with the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission any cases of communicable diseases.

Grade level notices for parents will be sent out by the school nurse when there is a diagnosed case of any communicable disease such as covid, flu, strep, pink eye, or head lice.

REMOTE LEARNING

There will be no remote learning for absences at this time.

In the event of an increase in the transmission of COVID-19 cases RCDS will consider implementing additional mitigation strategies and consult with our local health department to prevent further spread.

