

## 2022–23 District 51 COVID-19 Protocols/Procedures

### Face Coverings:

- CDC recommends mask wearing indoors when COVID transmission is high. Masks are completely voluntary and not required in D51 schools and other facilities.
- Harassment, shaming, or bullying of students for wearing or for not wearing masks will not be tolerated.

### Quarantining:

- CDPHE recommends that if you have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, you may need to quarantine for at least 5 days after last exposure. Quarantine means staying away from other people for a certain amount of time to make sure you don't spread the virus. Even if you don't feel any symptoms, you might be contagious after exposure to COVID-19. For the most up-to-date information on quarantine recommendations, please visit the [CDPHE website](#).

### Isolation:

- District 51 will require any staff or students who are COVID-positive to follow these isolation guidelines.
- CDPHE recommends that if you have tested positive for COVID-19, you should isolate. If you have symptoms of COVID-19 and are waiting for your test results, or you have symptoms and have not been tested yet, you should also isolate. Isolation means staying at home and away from other people until you are likely no longer contagious. For the most up-to-date information on isolation recommendations, please visit the [CDPHE website](#).
- CDPHE guidelines state that students or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will need to:
  - Stay home for 5 days.
  - If symptoms are gone or are resolving, you may return to school on day 6.
  - You should continue wearing a mask for 5 additional days.
  - If you have a fever on day 5, you must stay home until you have been fever free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication and other symptoms are resolving.
- Here is a [helpful link](#) to calculate quarantine and isolation periods.

### Symptomatic Staff/Students:

- Regardless of vaccination status, students or staff who show symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19 (Feeling feverish, having chills; Temperature of 100.4F or greater; New or worsening cough; Sore throat; Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; Loss of taste or smell; Runny nose or congestion; Muscle or body aches; Headache; Fatigue; Nausea or vomiting; or Diarrhea) that are not consistent with symptoms of an existing chronic condition and unchanged from their baseline may be sent home. See [Symptom flow sheet](#) for more information.
- Students can return to school once symptoms have resolved.

- COVID-19 testing is recommended. If the student or staff member receives a positive test result, isolation guidelines should be followed.
- Please inform the school nurse if your child has a chronic health condition.

#### COVID-19 Testing:

- If staff or students need a COVID-19 test, please visit the [MCPH website](#) for more information.
- D51 may be able to provide at-home tests, if supplies are available.

#### Disinfection:

- Classroom teachers will continue to have access to district-approved disinfectant supplies but will not be required to disinfect between classes.
- Students and staff will continue to have access to hand sanitizer.
- Regular, daily disinfection of schools and other district facilities by custodial staff will continue.

#### Hand Hygiene:

- We will continue to encourage proper and frequent hand washing and disinfection throughout the school day.

#### Visitors:

- Visitors will continue to be allowed in district facilities.
- If you are sick, we ask that you not enter any D51 facilities.

#### Events:

- CHSAA sponsored events will continue to follow CHSAA safety guidelines.