

COVID-19 Update

The following is an update of the Madison Local School District isolation and quarantine guidelines that are effective immediately based on recent guidance from the Center for Disease Control, the Ohio Department of Health, and Richland Public Health. Please review these guidelines as we begin the 2nd semester of the 2021-2022 school year. Your cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated.

The tests referenced below are SARS-Co-V-2 viral (PCR or antigen) tests and must be proctored. A self-administered test without a proctor will not be accepted. Proctored test kits will be available from each school's nurse while supplies last.

If a direct contact has a documented positive COVID test* result from within the previous 3 months, they are not required to follow the requirements below. In order for the result to be considered documented, it must have been reported to Richland Public Health.

Positive COVID-19 Case

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the student or staff member may return to school when **ALL** of the following are true:

- 1)It has been at least 5 days since the onset of symptoms. The first day of symptoms is considered day 0. The positive person may return on day 6.
- 2)The symptoms have improved.
- 3)The student or staff member has not had a fever for 24 hours (without the assistance of fever-reducing medication, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen).
- 4)Continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days.

Direct Contact—Return to School (Exposure in school setting/school-related activity)

If a student or staff member is identified as a direct contact due to an exposure **in the school setting or at a school-related activity**, the student or staff member may remain in the classroom/school setting whether they were vaccinated or not, whether they were masked or not, **if they do not have symptoms** and do the following:

- 1)Wear a mask for 10 days after the last date of exposure.
- 2)Monitor for symptoms for 10 days after the last date of exposure.
- 3)If you start to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19, you must stay home from school. In order to return to school prior to day 10, you must be symptom free, and you must have a documented negative COVID test* on day 5 or later.

Direct Contact—Return to Extracurricular Activities (Exposure in school setting/school-related activity)

If a student or staff member is identified as a direct contact due to an exposure **in the school setting or at a school-related activity**, the student or staff member may continue to participate in extracurricular activities whether they were vaccinated or not, whether they were masked or not, **if they do not have symptoms** and do the following:

- 1)Test on day 3 after the last date of exposure to COVID-19. In order to continue to participate, you must have a documented negative COVID test*.
- 2)Wear a mask when able for 10 days, including on school transportation (required for all students at all times), in locker rooms, when sitting or standing on the sidelines, or anytime when the mask will not create a safety hazard or interfere with breathing or the activity.

Direct Contact—Return to School and Extracurricular Activities (Exposure in non-school setting/non-school related activity)

If a student or staff member is identified as a direct contact due to an exposure **NOT in a school setting/ NOT at a school-related activity**, the student or staff member may return to school and extracurricular activities based on the following:

If fully vaccinated:

- 1) Provide documentation of having been boosted **OR** completed the primary series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months **OR** completed the primary series of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine within the last 2 months.
- 2) Quarantine is not required if you remain symptom free and wear a mask for 10 days after the last date of exposure.
- 3) In order to continue to participate in extracurricular activities, you must follow the same protocols as the “Return to Extracurricular Activities (Exposure in a school setting)”.
- 4) Test on day 5 after the last date of exposure if possible.
- 5) If symptoms develop, stay home and get tested.

If NOT fully vaccinated:

- 1) Must quarantine for 5 days after the last date of exposure.
- 2) May return to school on day 6 after the last date of exposure.
- 3) Must wear a mask for an additional 5 days.
- 4) In order to participate in extracurricular activities, you must follow the same protocols as the “Return to Extracurricular Activities (Exposure in a school setting)” with the following exception. The documented negative COVID test* must take place on day 5 or later.
- 5) Test on day 5 after the last date of exposure if possible.
- 6) If symptoms develop, stay home and get tested.