

## Covid 19 Guidance for SY21-22 revised 2/3/22

**Mask Policy:** Due to declining Covid cases and our comprehensive testing program MASKS will be OPTIONAL at CCLCS with these exceptions:

- Masks are required in the Health Office
- All students and staff returning from a 5 day quarantine must wear masks indoors ( except when eating) for an additional 5 days
- As always if staff or students wish to remain masked we will all respect this decision.

**Student Absence Policy:** If students will be absent from school a guardian MUST call/email CCLCS and let us know when your student will be out and why. Our phone number is 774-408-7904 email [attendance@CCLCS.info](mailto:attendance@CCLCS.info). Please continue to monitor your students for signs of COVID. Do Not send your student to school sick. Call their pediatrician if you notice any of the symptoms listed below.

### **COVID-19 symptoms list:**

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea when in combination with other symptoms
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

This section outlines testing and quarantine response protocols for individuals - students and staff - who test positive for COVID-19, close contacts who are not exempt from testing and quarantine protocols, and symptomatic individuals. Each scenario outlines the duration of any recommended quarantine or isolation, the conditions to be met in order for the individual to return to school, and any additional considerations.

### **Protocol A: For individuals who test positive for COVID-19**

- **Duration:** Self-isolation for COVID-19 positive cases is a minimum of 5 days after symptom onset or after positive PCR or antigen test, if asymptomatic.
- **Return to school:** After 5 days and once they have:
  - Been without fever for 24 hours (and without taking fever-reducing medications)
  - Experienced improvement in other symptoms.
  - Following the 5-day isolation period, individuals **must mask** for 5 additional days when around others, other than when eating, drinking, or outside.

**Protocol B: Protocol for asymptomatic close contacts** There is no longer close contact tracing at CCLCS. CCLCS is participating in the rapid at home test program recommended by DESE and DPH to replace the The Test and Stay Program and close contact tracing. Staff and students will receive rapid at home test kits every other week. Each kit will contain 2 tests. Staff and students who opt in will do a test Thursday night or Friday morning every week. All Positive results should be reported to the school.

**Individuals may still be identified as close contacts for outside of school contacts** (e.g. as a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19 in their household, hockey team...). In these cases:

- While in school settings (including for sports and extracurriculars), **asymptomatic vaccinated individuals** remain exempt from testing and quarantine protocols. If an asymptomatic, vaccinated individual is identified as a close contact outside of school, they may return to school. Individuals should closely monitor for symptoms and follow Protocol C if they experience symptoms listed under Covid-19 symptoms list
- **Unvaccinated individuals** who are identified as close contacts outside of school settings should quarantine at least 5 days from the date of exposure. They may return to school after 5 days, returning on day 6, provided that they remain asymptomatic, and conduct active monitoring for symptoms through day 10. They must test and self isolate if symptoms develop.

### **Protocol C: Protocol for symptomatic individuals**

Protocol C applies to vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals who experience the COVID-19 symptoms listed previously,

- It is recommended that a rapid antigen or PCR COVID-19 test be performed unless a doctor has given an alternative diagnosis.
- Stay home when sick, let the school know you will be absent and why.
- **Return to School:** Individuals may return to school after they:
  - Have improvement in symptoms
  - Have been without fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.