

COVID-19 Health Guidance Updates February 22, 2022 by the NJ Department of Health (Guidance subject to change)

SCHOOL MASK GUIDANCE

As of March 7, 2022 the NJ state mandate requiring in school universal masking expired. Therefore, effective March 7, 2022, all NJ YALE Schools will NOT have a universal masking policy. All NJ YALE Schools mask requirements will be based on the COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI) score as reflected below.

CALI REPORT LEVEL MASKING REQUIREMENT

Green (LOW Risk)	Optional
Yellow (MODERATE Risk)	Optional
Orange (HIGH Risk)	Optional
Red (VERY HIGH Risk)	Required

Other instances where masking will be required in school include:

2. If there is an active outbreak in a classroom.
3. After returning from isolation or quarantine (day 6-10), including during indoor and outdoor PE.
4. When illness occurs while in school, a mask will be required until pick up from school.

<u>Symptomatic w/ RESOLVING Symptoms</u>	If your symptoms improve by day 5, you can end your isolation on day 6 and return to school, Strict mask wearing, indoors and outdoors, on days 6-10 at school and extracurricular activities. Do not eat or drink around other individuals for 10 full days. Must be able to wear a well-fitting mask consistently and correctly at all times during day 6-10 otherwise a 10-day isolation will be used.
<u>Symptomatic w/ PERSISTING Symptoms</u>	If your symptoms persist, continue to isolate until you are fever free for 24hrs and other symptoms have improved. Strict mask wearing on days 6-10, indoors and outdoors, at school and extracurricular activities. Do not eat or drink around other individuals. Must be able to wear a well-fitted mask consistently and correctly at all times during day 6-10 otherwise a 10-day isolation will be used.
<u>Asymptomatic</u>	If you stay symptom free, isolate 5 days from positive test date. Test date is the day you took the test. You can end your isolation on day 6, and return to work Strict mask wearing, indoors and outdoors, on days 6-10 at school and extracurricular activities. Do not eat or drink around other individuals. Must be able to wear a well-fitted mask consistently and correctly at all times during day 6-10 otherwise a 10-day isolation will be used.
<u>Asymptomatic w/ developing symptoms</u>	If you develop symptoms within one week (days 0-5), the 5-day isolation period will re-start on the day of your symptom onset. If symptoms persist, isolation continues Wear a well-fitted mask consistently and correctly both indoors and out- doors, on days 6-10 at school and extracurricular activities. Do not eat or drink around other individuals. Students unable to wear a mask consistently and correctly at all times during day 6-10, will have a 10-day isolation period.
<u>Positive Test</u>	If you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID- 19, the student will Isolate for 10 days from symptom onset (if identified) or from COVID test day and return to school on the 11 th day as long as they are fever free for 24 hours and symptoms have improved. ONLY If the student can wear a well-fitted mask consistently and correctly will a 5 day isolation period be considered; otherwise a 10-day isolation will be used.

MY CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS CONSISTENT WITH COVID

SYMPTOMATIC <i>Regardless of vaccination status</i> PCR, RAPID, or HOME test accepted	TEST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call Healthcare provider ● Obtain a PCR, RAPID, or HOME test ● May return after 24 hours with a negative test and improvement of symptoms* ● Tests must be done greater than 24 hours after symptoms start 	WITHOUT A TEST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call Healthcare provider ● Stay home for 10 days ● If your symptoms improve* (fever free for 24 hrs) by day 10, end your isolation on day 10 ● Return to school on day 11 ● Strict mask wearing at school and extracurricular activities
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QUARANTINE PROCEDURES DUE to CLOSE CONTACT WITH POSITIVE COVID CASE

Who Does <i>not</i> need to quarantine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students 18+ who have received all recommended vaccine doses including boosters. 2. Students ages 12- 17 who have received all recommended primary vaccine doses; and booster received by 2/1/22 . 3. Students ages 5 to 11 years who have completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
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	4. Students who have had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days using a viral test.	
Who DOES need to quarantine	Students who have not completed the primary series or received the booster shot when eligible will be excluded from the school environment when exposed to a close contact.	
Close Contact Exposure	<p>In determining a close contact exposure to a COVID-19 positive case, students are considered exposed during the period two days prior to symptom onset, or positive test date if asymptomatic, and five days after symptom onset (or positive test date if asymptomatic).</p> <p>An individual would NOT be considered exposed during a positive case additional precautionary period days 6 – 10.</p>	
Quarantine Guidance by Source of Exposure <i>(Contact School Nurse for all individual guidance)</i>	CLOSE CONTACT/NON HOUSEHOLD EXPOSURE <i>When unvaccinated, or not fully vaccinated* student is exposed to a positive case at school, in an outside activity, or other location outside of home.</i> <i>*Fully vaccinated students have received the primary series and booster shot when eligible</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay home for 5 days from last date of contact w/ positive case ● The date of the exposure is considered day 0. ● Call Healthcare provider ● Obtain a PCR, RAPID, or HOME test ● <i>Individuals must be tested no earlier than day 5</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If negative and no symptoms, can return on day 6 with confirmation of negative results sent to school nurse prior to return ○ If positive, student starts 10 day isolation 	CLOSE CONTACT/HOUSEHOLD EXPOSURE <i>When unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated * student is exposed to a positive case in the home</i> <i>*Fully vaccinated students have received the primary series and booster shot when eligible</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call Healthcare provider ● Obtain a PCR, RAPID, or HOME test ● Must be tested no earlier than day 10 after last contact with a positive case in the home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If negative, can return on day 11 ○ If positive student, start 10 day isolation
Returning to School After Quarantine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students who will be returning to school after 5 days of quarantine for close contact MUST be able to wear a well-fitted mask consistently and correctly for an additional 5 days. (days 6-10). 2. Schools are obligated to ensure that the mask requirement is met by students returning from a 5-day quarantine period. 3. Monitoring will be conducted throughout the day. 4. Students unable to wear a well-fitted mask consistently and correctly upon return from a 5-day quarantine period will not be able to remain in school. 5. If unable to wear a mask: may return to school on day 8 with a negative test result collected at day 5-7. 	
Testing Information	<p>Accepted tests: PCR, RAPID, or HOME test. (We are accepting home tests due the current surge in cases. See free home test ordering information below).</p> <p>Families are eligible to receive 4 free test kits shipped to their home. To receive the tests, fill out the form from USPS using the following link: https://special.usps.com/testkits</p> <p><u>ALL TEST RESULTS MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL NURSE PRIOR TO A STUDENT'S RETURN.</u></p>	

*Symptoms improvement defined as fever free for 24hrs without the use of fever-reducing medications and/or other symptoms have improved or resolved

Quarantine / Isolation Calculator: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/quarantine-calculator>

New Jersey DOH School Guidelines: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_schools.shtml