



May 12, 2022

Dear YALE School NJ Community:

Please note the update to our protocols below which will go into effect on Monday, May 16, 2022. This update is a reflection of the protection offered by vaccines, the increased availability of testing, and the current policies of area schools.

Updated restrictions will include:

- Mask wearing will continue to remain optional. The only exception is for students testing positive, who are returning to school after five (5) days of quarantining. They will be asked to mask from day 6 through day 10.
- We will no longer be contact tracing; therefore, students previously deemed “close contacts” will not be required to quarantine.
- Close contacts will not be identified. Parents should assume that contact with a positive COVID individual can occur anywhere. Parents are asked to monitor their children for symptoms.
- If a student’s family has a positive COVID case in their household, but the student is symptom free, any such student is welcome in our schools, regardless of their vaccination status.
- Siblings of symptomatic students may remain in school regardless of vaccination status.

Remaining health protocols will include:

- Most importantly, if students are COVID positive or simply ill, they should remain at home. COVID positive students should remain at home for five (5) days.
- Positive cases should still be reported to the school nurse.
- Students exposed to COVID should test on the fifth day after exposure. Home test results, both positive and negative, will be accepted. Parents should coordinate and confirm results with school nurses via email.
- Students with COVID compatible symptoms should be tested for COVID.
- If a symptomatic student is not tested for COVID, they should be excluded and parents will be recommended to consult with their child’s doctor.
- The COVID Dashboard will continue to inform the community of positive cases.

It remains possible that the Y.A.L.E. School may need to reinstate mandatory quarantining of close contacts, universal contact tracing, masking or other previous protocols in the future. Conditions determining such changes may include, but are not limited to, the NJ DOH COVID-19 Activity Level Report, governor’s orders, the numbers of positive COVID-19 cases in our schools or outbreaks occurring in our education community.

We thank you for your support in helping maintain the health and safety of our staff and students.

Sincerely,

The Y.A.L.E. School Administrative Team