

Lexington “Mask To Stay” Policy



Direct contacts **in a school environment**, regardless of vaccination or masking status, may remain in the classroom environment if they:

Wear a mask **for 10 days** after their last date of exposure.

Self-monitor, or parent-monitor, for symptoms of COVID-19.

Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity).

Students and staff may discontinue these quarantine procedures after 7 days — **if they meet two basic criteria:**
1 – they don’t develop symptoms, and **2** – they test negative between days 5-7.

The tests can be either the genetic PCR coronavirus test or the antigen test. **But it must be proctored or observed.** The students would have to go to the doctor, a pharmacy or other test provider.

Lexington “Test to Play” Policy

Asymptomatic contacts **in a school environment** may continue to participate in extracurricular activities if they:

Wear a mask when able. This includes wearing a mask during transportation, such as traveling on a team bus to and from games; while in locker rooms; while sitting or standing on the sidelines; and any time the mask will not interfere with breathing, the activity in which they are participating, or create a safety hazard.

Test on initial notification of exposure to COVID-19.

Test again between days 5-7 following exposure to COVID-19. If they are negative at this time, they will test out of quarantine after day 7 and can resume normal activities.



Same-day testing is encouraged for athletic competitions where there is the potential of school-to-school exposure.

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UNVACCINATED STUDENTS

Children exposed to COVID-19 in the classroom or during a school-related extracurricular activity.

Quarantine is **NOT** required if they do not have symptoms AND they do the following, regardless of vaccination status:

- Wear a mask for **10 days** after their last date of exposure
 - Your child may discontinue wearing a mask after day 7 if they do not have symptoms **AND** they have tested negative 5-7 days after their last date of exposure.*
 - If your child chooses not to wear a mask at school, they must quarantine at home for 10 days after their last date of exposure.
- Monitor for symptoms for 10 days after their last date of exposure

*MUST use a viral (PCR or antigen) COVID-19 test. If using an at-home test, the test MUST be proctored/observed by someone during a virtual visit.

VACCINATED STUDENTS

If your child is **fully vaccinated**, they **do not** need to quarantine; however, you should still monitor them for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following their last exposure. Your child should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms during the monitoring period. The CDC recommends vaccinated direct contacts wear a mask while indoors for 10 days following their last exposure, or until they receive a negative COVID-19 test result (the test should not be done until it has been 5-7 days since their last exposure).

The CDC recommends vaccinated direct contacts be tested for COVID-19 after it has been at least 5-7 days since their last exposure, even if they are symptom-free.

RECENTLY RECOVERED STUDENTS

If your child has a documented positive viral (PCR or antigen) test result from **within the previous three months**, they do not need to quarantine or test. In order for the result to be considered documented, **it must have been reported to Richland Public Health.**