

COVID-19 Protocols

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Updates to this plan during the school year will be highlighted in **yellow**. Always check this link for the most recent updates to the plan: <https://www.ghs.k12.wi.us/district/reopening-plan.cfm>

Below are the updated guidelines on how we will be handling isolation and exposure protocols for individuals that test positive for COVID-19, and those students and staff that were exposed to a positive case.

Positive Cases:

- Must isolate for 5 days, return on day 6 if symptoms are resolved or resolving. Can return to extracurricular and co-curricular activities on day 6.
 - Masking is highly encouraged through day 10.
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Exposure Controls:

- When we have a positive case in our school, communication will go out via phone call or email to inform parents in the group or class of students that were directly exposed to the positive case. *Note: due to confidentiality, we cannot disclose the name of a positive case.*
 - The purpose of this communication is to inform families of a positive case and to allow them to monitor their children closely for any symptoms.
 - As long as no symptoms develop, these exposed individuals do not have to quarantine from school, regardless of vaccination status.
 - Masking is not required for any exposed individuals.
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Testing Information and Test-to-Stay

The school will continue to offer free rapid antigen testing as long as testing supplies are available. Our testing program is designed to provide rapid results for those individuals who are symptomatic. The program is voluntary, but this year, per the Department of Public Instruction, it is open only to students and staff.

Test-to-stay is currently defined as:

- An individual who is exhibiting symptoms may request an antigen test. If negative, can stay in school. (Note that parent permission is required prior to any testing.)
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COVID-19 Symptoms

Please continue to monitor your students on a daily basis for illness prior to sending them to school. Do not send your student to school if they have any of the following :

- 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 causes such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting, 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
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Communication & Ongoing Review

This is a fluid situation and as COVID protocols change per CDC and DHS guidelines and as infection levels in the county change. Administration will make changes accordingly and families will be notified.