

2022-2023 COVID Protocols

This guidance is given by the Licking County Health Department (LCHD). These protocols are for all students and staff, regardless of vaccination status.

Positive cases (Staff and Students): If you do a home test, it is **highly recommended you have it proctored**. This will provide documentation for attendance or HR.

- **Please do not take a photo of a home test for confirmation and send it to the school- this will not be accepted.**
- Begin a 5 day quarantine. On your 6th day, you may return as long as you are fever free for 24 hours (without medication). **The school has adopted guidance from LCHD that it is strongly recommended to mask from day 6-10 of quarantine and unmask on day 11.**
- Quarantine starts the first day *after* symptoms started
 - EX: Symptoms started Saturday July 12 > Day 1 is July 13 > quarantine from 13rd-17th, mask 18th-22nd.
- **The school will not be giving quarantine dates.** If you test through a physician, follow the dates they have provided.
 - **Staff:** if you receive a letter from your proctored test or have documentation for your positive test, please send it to your supervisor and fill out the following [survey](#)

Close Contacts (Home & School settings): This includes students who have a positive case at home (parent, grandparent, sibling, etc). No quarantine required, strongly recommended to mask for 10 days regardless of vaccination status. There will be no notices sent to those exposed to COVID, unless contact tracing becomes necessary. Monitor yourself for symptoms. If you end up testing positive, please follow the guidelines above.

Contact tracing: The LCHD no longer requires reporting of positive cases. The LCHD will track student absences via LACA and will reach out if deemed necessary. The LCHD will report weekly to the schools regarding school-aged cases within our district boundaries.

- If **3 or more cases (staff OR student) present in a classroom**, the school must notify the LCHD immediately to determine further action.

Symptoms: COVID symptoms range from mild to severe.

- **Staff:** If you become symptomatic and need to take time off, please contact your direct supervisor and take time off per your assigned protocol.
- **Students:** if students are sick, please follow protocols for attendance and email building secretaries as needed.
- **Secretaries:** If a positive case is given to you, please document their absence as required for tracking purposes done by the LCHD. You will code their attendance still as COVID Positive within PowerSchool.

Any changes that occur throughout the year will be communicated district wide as quickly as possible.