



THE FRANCES XAVIER WARDE SCHOOL

COVID-19 Protocols for Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Students

In an effort to best serve our students, staff, and faculty by having appropriate response mechanisms in place, we have developed the following protocols that incorporate the fact we now have many vaccinated individuals on our campuses. Our objective remains the same: for all of our students and staff to stay in school and for our protocols to prevent school spread.

Athletics

Per guidance from CDPH, please see the updated athletics guidance below:

- If a player tests positive for COVID-19, he/she may not participate in school athletics for 5 days from symptom onset or positive test date. May resume on Day 6 if asymptomatic and consistently wears mask.
- Vaccinated close contact players can resume with a recommended PCR test on Day 6 if asymptomatic or consistently wears mask. If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, your child will not need to test.
- Unvaccinated close contact players can participate in practice using Test to Stay(TTS) if they stay masked and are testing negative. Students using TTS cannot participate in competition until after they have completed their testing series.
- If there are two or more positive COVID-19 cases on a sports team, we will await guidance from CDPH on what's the best approach for safe participation.
- Unvaccinated close contacts exposed to COVID-19 outside of team must remain out of practices and sports for 10 days regardless of shortened quarantine for school.
- Per IDPH, students are not required to wear masks during athletic events.

Masks

- If a child that has been isolating is returning on Day 6, they will be required to wear a surgical or KN95 masks. If you do not have access to this specific mask, the school can provide one for the day. Student must remain masked until Day 11 of isolation.
- Per CDPH, masking is recommended (regardless of vaccination status) when there have been 2 cases identified in a classroom, and masking is required if there have been 3 or more cases identified.
- If a child has been identified as a close contact, they will be required to wear masks through Day 10 following exposure.
- Siblings of close contacts and students who are positive will be required to wear masks through Day 10 following exposure.

Lunch

- Those students, who were isolating or quarantining, that return on Day 6 may or may not be able to eat lunch in their classroom or another space. This is dependent on space and will look different at each campus. We ask for your patience while we navigate the day-to-day of how this will look which may include keeping your child off campus for longer than five days.
- If your child tests positive, you may keep them home for the full 10-day quarantine and they can continue to learn remotely.



Protocols for Vaccinated Students

1. Vaccinated student presenting with COVID-19 Symptoms:

- Will be sent home and will need a negative COVID-19 test to return to campus
 - Per CDPH, at-home test results now WILL be accepted for symptomatic vaccinated students.
- Will need to be fever-free for 24 hours and demonstrate improving symptoms as per normal return to school procedures for all illnesses
- **Unvaccinated** siblings: if the ill household member is tested within 24 hours of first notification of symptoms, household members do not need to be sent home unless there is a high suspicion the ill person has COVID-19 (e.g., they are a known close contact, they have lost sense of taste and smell).
- Pending test results, household members *can remain in school*, as long as they remain asymptomatic, with consistent use of well-fitting masks both indoors, as required, and outdoors.
- If the ill household member tests positive for COVID-19, then any unvaccinated household members should be removed from the school immediately. Vaccinated students may remain in school.
- If testing does not occur within 24 hours, unvaccinated household members must stay home.
- Any **vaccinated** siblings with no symptoms may return to school.

2. Vaccinated student identified as close contact (*please see new definition of close contact above*):

- If a child has been identified as a close contact, they will be required to wear a mask through Day 10 following exposure.
- Students will not need to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria:
 - It has been more than two weeks since the second dose of a two-dose vaccine or more than two weeks from single-dose vaccine.
 - Vaccination card/attestation uploaded to Magnus.
 - They remain asymptomatic.
 - Recommend testing on day 5 after last exposure.
 - Siblings of the “close contact”, regardless of vaccination status, may return to school but will be required to wear masks through Day 10 following exposure.



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3. Vaccinated student tests positive for COVID-19:

- The vaccinated student will be able to return to campus after 5 days of isolation (Day 6).
- Students must wear a surgical or KN95 mask for 4 days after return on Day 6. If you don't have one, one will be provided for your child.
- Students returning from isolation before Day 10 may have a different seating arrangement for lunch which may include a separate space from their classroom.
- Siblings living with vaccinated positive household member will need to:
 - Siblings who are vaccinated can return to school and monitor for symptoms. It is recommended to test after Day 5.
 - Siblings who are not vaccinated will need to quarantine for 5 days and will be required to receive a **negative COVID-19 PCR test** to return to school.
 - Siblings, regardless of vaccination status, may return to school but will be required to wear masks through Day 10 following siblings positive test.

4. Vaccinated student travels to an orange state as identified by the [Chicago Travel Advisory](#)

- If your child is vaccinated and travels to an orange or yellow state, there is no testing or quarantine requirement.

5. Vaccinated student travels internationally

- Get tested with a COVID-19 viral test 3-5 days after travel.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow state/local recommendations or requirements aftertravel.

Protocols for Unvaccinated Students

1. Unvaccinated students presenting with COVID-19 symptoms:

- Student will be sent home and, per CDPH, can return to school with a **negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test**. If the student isn't tested, then the student will be required to complete a 10-day isolation from the date of onset of symptoms and be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine and other symptoms have improved before returning to school.
- An unvaccinated student who had tested positive in the last 90 days will be required to obtain a rapid antigen COVID-19 test.
- Vaccinated sibling(s) may stay in school if sibling's symptoms present at school and/or come to school if sibling's symptoms present outside of school.
- Unvaccinated sibling(s)
 - If the ill household member is tested within 24 hours of first notification of symptoms, household members do not need to be



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sent home unless there is a high suspicion the ill person has COVID-19 (e.g., they are a known close contact, they have lost sense of taste and smell).

- Pending test results, household members *can remain in school*, as long as they remain asymptomatic, with consistent use of well-fitting masks both indoors, as required, and outdoors.
- If the ill household member tests positive for COVID-19, then any unvaccinated household members should be removed from the school immediately. Vaccinated students may remain in school.
- If testing does not occur within 24 hours, unvaccinated householdmembers must stay home.

2. Unvaccinated student identified as close contact:

- Student will need to quarantine at home for 5 calendar days after last exposure to the COVID-19 case (return Day 6). Date of last exposure is considered Day 0.
- Student **must be tested with a rapid or PCR test** on Day 5 of exposure
- Student can return to campus on Day 6 with a negative rapid or PCR test submitted to the nurses, symptom free and 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication. Student must be masked until Day 11 of last exposure.
- Students sitting in the pod with the positive COVID-19 individual student will be required to quarantine or can participate in the Test-To-Stay program. Test-to-Stay program is used for unvaccinated students who have been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case on school campus.
- Remote Learning *will be* available for those students who are identified as a close contact. Please allow a 24-hour window for that platform to begin.

3. Unvaccinated student tests positive for COVID-19:

- Will be required to isolate, meaning stay home and away from others, until it has been at least 5 days since their symptoms first appeared (for asymptomatic individuals, from their test date).
- Student can return on Day 6 if he/she/they are not presenting symptoms and are fever free for over 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Students will need to wear a surgical or KN95 mask. If you do not have one, one will be provided for your child.
- Students returning from isolation before Day 10 may have a different seating arrangement for lunch which may include a separate space from their classroom.
- A vaccinated sibling living with an unvaccinated individual who tested positive *can* return to school, monitor for symptoms, and recommended test between days 5 and 7 of last exposure.



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- Siblings who are not vaccinated living with a positive household member must quarantine. Please see unvaccinated close contact guidance. Siblings, regardless of vaccination status, may return to school but will be required to wear masks through Day 10 following siblings positive test.
- If the ill household member tests positive for COVID-19, then any unvaccinated household members should be removed from the school immediately. Vaccinated students may remain in school.
- As long as the student is well, he/she/they can participate in Remote Learning.

4. Unvaccinated student travels to an orange state as identified by the [Chicago Travel Advisory](#)

- After travel, unvaccinated individuals returning from a high-risk ("orange") state should get tested with a PCR test 3-5 days after travel. Students may return to school while waiting for the result of the test.
- If you are traveling to a *yellow list state*, you do not need to have a test or quarantine.

5. Unvaccinated student travels internationally

- Per the [CDC](#), you will need to get tested 3-5 days after travel and stay home for a full 5 days after travel.
- A modified remote learning experience will be available for the 5-day quarantine.

Remote Learning

- Remote learning will be available for students who test positive for COVID-19, must quarantine due to an exposure, or have a household member that tests positive for COVID-19.
- If your child needs to quarantine for any of these reasons, please allow a 24-hour grace period to begin remote learning.
- If your child has symptoms and the results of your PCR test take longer than 48 hours, please notify your teacher and campus principal for next steps regarding remote learning.