

Information from the Greene County Department of Health:

Effective Monday, January 10, local schools will adopt new isolation and quarantine protocols in partnership with the county health department. This change aligns with updated guidance from the New York State Health Department on January 4, which also aligns with updated recommendations from the CDC. These changes supersede previous guidance and protocols listed in school reopening plans published in September 2021.

Moving forward, this means any new cases will follow the updated guidance below. Please note that any cases identified prior to today will follow the previous guidance.

ISOLATION

Isolate for 5 days, where day “0” is the day of symptom onset or (if asymptomatic) the day of collection of the first positive specimen.

- If asymptomatic at the end of 5 days, or if symptoms are resolving, isolation ends and the individual should wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days.
- Individuals who are moderately-severely immunocompromised should continue to follow standard (i.e., not shortened) Isolation Guidance.
- Individuals who are unable to wear a well-fitting mask for 5 days after a 5-day isolation should also follow standard (i.e., not shortened) Isolation Guidance.

QUARANTINE

If exposed to COVID-19, quarantine as follows, where day “0” is the last date of exposure:

- If not fully vaccinated: **Quarantine for 5 days and wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days.**
- If fully vaccinated: **NO quarantine is required, but these individuals should wear a well-fitting mask while around others for 10 days after the last date of exposure.**
- **If symptoms appear, quarantine, and seek testing.**

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