



FRAZIER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Comprehensive Reopening Guide

2021-2022



Dear Frazier Commodores,

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all in different ways. We realize that there is a lot of uncertainty surrounding many aspects of our lives and our decision to return to school was not taken lightly. However, after reviewing the feedback from the surveys that you were asked to complete, we feel it is in the best interest of our students and families to return to our regular face-to face instructional model. This will be no easy task and we will need your assistance to ensure the safety and well being of our students and staff. This document will assist you in preparing for your child's return and hopefully answer any questions that you may have regarding procedures that we will implement, or measures that have, or will be taken in order to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment.

If you should have any questions or concerns please contact your child's principal and they will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

William R. Henderson III



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Returning to School

Face Coverings

On June 30, 2021, The Secretary of the PA Department of Health lifted the Universal Face Covering Order for Pennsylvania. This order applied to all students, staff and visitors ages two and older while in school entities, including public K-12 schools. The Order required individuals to wear a "face covering." "Face covering" means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. **For the 2021-2022 school, face coverings are highly recommended, however they are not mandated at this time.** Face coverings such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, bandanas, or towels are not permitted.



All students and staff must adhere to CDC guidance and practice of social distancing when possible.


Face Covering Breaks

Face coverings are optional but recommended for all students/ staff.

- Wearing a mask in public is most important for people who are immunocompromised. People at increased risk for severe disease include older adults and those who have certain medical conditions, such as diabetes, being overweight or obesity, and heart conditions.

Unvaccinated household members include:

- Adults who have not completed vaccination,
- Adults who cannot be fully vaccinated, and
- People who are not eligible for vaccines, including children less than 12 years of age.

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- Eating or drinking when socially distant to the maximum extent possible; or
 - When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task; or
 - At least 3 feet apart during “face-covering breaks” to last no longer than 10 minutes.

Preparation for the Opening of School


Frazier School District will ensure all staff, resources and supplies are prepared for opening school, including but not limited to assigning sufficient staff to carry out re-opening, ensuring proper training and stocking inventory of necessary supplies, such as personal protective equipment (PPE).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides guidance, recommendations and resources to assist with plans and protocols for health and safety. Before schools re-open, Frazier School District will implement health and safety plans that include:

- Ensuring adequate supply inventory (e.g., PPE, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.)
- Cleaning with products approved by governing authorities and per guidelines from the Environmental Protection Agency
- Inform all of the current CDC, PA Department of Health, and Pennsylvania Department of Education recommendations.
- Providing communication of procedures and expectations upon entering facilities and throughout buildings

Protocols for Screening and Isolation

Following are the return to onsite work protocols for Frazier School District campuses and administration buildings. Since this is an ever-changing situation, the district may need to change protocols at any time to address specific needs and circumstances in order to protect the health and safety of students, employees and the community. Please note, health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. As a result, Frazier School District will continue to consult available guidance through governmental agencies and other information deemed relevant to monitor the situation. The district will comply with applicable federal and state employment and disability laws, workplace safety standards and accessibility standards to address individual needs.




It is important to remember the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Even if an infected person shows no symptoms or is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously or fatally ill, especially for persons 65 years of age or older with pre-existing health conditions placing them at higher risk. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, Frazier School District expects all employees, students and families to rigorously follow these practices.

All staff and visitors will screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily. Families must screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms daily prior to sending them to school.

Screening Protocols

- Staff will be required to complete a self-screening process prior to entering a Frazier School District building, and the district may require further screening of employees at any time based on current state and federal guidelines.
- A parent or guardian will be required to screen their children for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending them to school. Parents should also take their child's temperature daily. Additional screening may be conducted during the school day.
- **Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19**, and instead should opt to receive remote instruction until the below conditions for re-entry are met.
- Staff and students should not enter campuses or district buildings if any of the following apply. The individual is:
 - Sick with symptoms that could be COVID-19. Symptoms to watch for: fever (100°F or higher), cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, fatigue, congestion/running nose, nausea/diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell.
 - Has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or has been in close contact with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19. These individuals must follow all isolation and quarantine guidelines from the local health authority or their physician.
 - Has a household member who is awaiting COVID-19 test results, or who is awaiting their own test results.


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- Has traveled internationally or on a cruise in the past 14 days. These individuals must follow current CDC self-quarantine recommendations:

CDC Quarantine Recommendations

1. Students will be asked daily how they are feeling.
2. Weekly reminders about COVID - 19 symptoms and health checks will be provided in employee and family communication.
3. Teachers will monitor students and refer them to the nurse if symptoms are present. Any student visiting the nurse's office will have their temperature checked.

Isolation Protocols

- For students displaying symptoms of COVID-19 feeling feverish, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment in an isolation space separate from the area used to see students who are not displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than 1 hour from the time the campus has contacted the parent/guardian.
- Other students will be removed from the classroom and taken to an alternate location (go on a walk outside, move to a different classroom, etc) so that the classroom surfaces can be cleaned.
- If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Schools must close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until those areas have been cleaned and sanitized.
- District communication will be provided to the individuals who came into close contact with a student or staff member with a confirmed positive COVID-19 test result. Additional communication will be shared with the entire campus community.
- Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow district protocols including isolation from students and other staff members.

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- Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be permitted to return to school when:
 - They are 24 hours fever-free without using fever-reducing medication; and
 - Improved symptoms (cough, difficulty breathing, etc.); and
 - 10 days have passed since symptoms began
 - If a student or staff member has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school prior to meeting the above criteria, they must obtain a medical professional's note clearing them for return based on an alternative diagnosis or receive a negative COVID-19 test.

Classroom Setting

In this section, classroom training, setup and protocols will include procedures for students and teachers. Teachers will ensure students are trained and students will be expected to follow all campus and classroom expectations.

All classrooms will be outfitted with:

- Visual reminders of distancing requirements will be in all classrooms marking off areas for common spaces and distancing best practices.
- Refillable alcohol-based hand sanitizer stations.
- Access to disinfectant to disinfect working surfaces for teacher use.
- Access to multipurpose cleaner to sanitize working surfaces for student and teacher use.
- Technology should be utilized when students are involved in collaborative work.
- Students will participate in training specific to newly adopted health and safety protocols.
- Students will be expected to adhere to class and school-wide protocols that are consistent with CDC guidelines.
- Students will avoid sharing school supplies and will sanitize shared items after each use.
- Students will sit one per table when it is possible.

- Students will use hand sanitizer at the beginning of class. If a sink is available in the classroom, students should wash their hands at the beginning of class.
- Students may bring personal snacks as long as they are not shared.

Spacing Social Distancing

The CDC recommends maintaining at least 3 feet of physical distance between students in classrooms, or the greatest extent possible, with additional layered mitigation efforts employed if distance recommendations would prevent a school from fully reopening.

Hand Sanitizer Stations

Additional hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the campus. Each classroom is outfitted with hand sanitizer for use.

Hallways

Schools have designated hallway traffic patterns to increase social distance and minimize contact with others.

Elementary

- Students are expected to observe and follow school hall traffic flow directions while maintaining social distancing guidelines.
- Where possible, one-way traffic throughout campus corridors will be established.
- In two-way halls students are expected to stay to the far right of the hall when walking.
- Lockers may be utilized if students access the lockers at staggered times.
- Students and staff must wear face coverings in the halls and avoid gathering in large groups during passing periods.

Middle / High School

- Students are expected to observe and follow school hall traffic flow directions while maintaining social distancing guidelines.
- Students and staff must wear face coverings in the halls and avoid gathering in large groups during passing periods.



- To prevent congregating during transition times, students will not be assigned a locker. Students will be permitted to bring backpacks to class.
- Every effort will be made to maintain social distance between classroom transition times.
- In two-way halls students are expected to stay to the far right of the hall when walking.
- Traffic patterns will be established throughout the campus that separates individuals to the greatest extent possible.
- Students should immediately report to their next class and not congregate in the hallway.
- Students and staff may wear face coverings in the halls and avoid gathering in large groups during transitions.

Classroom Arrival

- After washing hands or using hand sanitizer, students are asked to immediately sit down in their assigned seat.
- Students should avoid touching high-touch areas if possible.

Water Fountains

Students will only be permitted to fill their water bottles by filling stations. Water fountains will be off limits.

- Students are expected to bring their own reusable water bottle for use throughout the day and expected to take water bottles home to be cleaned on a daily basis. Water bottles should not be shared with other students.



Guidelines for Recess/ Outdoor Play

Teachers will monitor students to ensure safety guidelines are followed. Administration will limit the number of classes per recess group. Staggered schedules and classroom groups will be utilized. Teachers may develop structured games to accommodate social distancing.

- Students will not need to wear masks during outdoor activity. Students must maintain social distancing while lining up to return to class.

- All students and staff will be required to wash their hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before recess and when returning to their classroom.

Student Activities

On-Campus Activities

- PTO event and fundraising information is pending.
- All after school club information is pending.
- No in-person assemblies will be held in the fall.
- Parent conferences, etc. will be held virtually.
- No class parties or birthday treats will be allowed at this time and any performances may be held virtually.

Field Trips

- Off-campus field trips will be considered as they are presented.
- Virtual field trips will be considered as often as possible.

Busing/ Transportation

The use of the face coverings is mandatory on all district provided transportation. THIS IS A FEDERAL MANDATE AND MUST BE FOLLOWED.



As schools reopen, students using school bus transportation services will follow revised protocols. Starting at the time when students arrive at their designated bus stop and board the school bus, the new safety and sanitizing protocols will need to be followed.



Bus Stop Expectations

- Students are expected to practice social distancing while waiting for and approaching the school bus.
- Students should NOT share food, drinks or personal devices.

Morning Boarding Bus Procedures

- Students should practice social distancing as they approach and board the bus.
- Seating: Students will be assigned seats
 - Considerations for siblings & younger students mixed with older students.
- Bus in motion rules: Standard FSD bus rules apply.
- Students should NOT share food, drinks or personal devices.

Unloading at Campus

- Unloading will start from the front to the back.
- Students should practice social distancing and follow campus guidelines.

Afternoon Campus Boarding Bus Procedures

- Students are expected to practice social distancing as they approach and board the bus.
- Seating: Students will be seated in their assigned seats
 - Considerations for siblings & younger students mixed with older students.
- Bus in motion rules: Standard FSD bus rules apply.
- Students should NOT share food, drinks or personal devices.

Unloading at Bus Stop

- Unloading will start from the front to the back.
- Students are expected to practice social distancing and avoid gathering in groups.
- Students should NOT share food, drinks or personal devices.



Disinfecting Protocol

- School bus drivers will be spraying and wiping down seats and high-touch items with disinfecting spray.
- Bus seating areas will be disinfected after each bus run, particularly high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs and stairway handrail.
- Weather conditions permitting, various bus windows and the roof hatch will be opened to allow outside air to circulate in the bus.
- Buses will be deep cleaned each week using a disinfectant sprayer.

Restroom Area

Students will maintain social distancing guidelines while traveling to the restroom at scheduled times with their homeroom teacher. Proper hand washing procedures are posted and will be reviewed with students.

Facility Cleaning

High traffic areas will be cleaned throughout the day. With the purchase of additional cleaning and sanitizing equipment, buildings will be cleaned and sanitized daily while students are not present.

Curriculum & Instruction

Students are to attend classes regularly on campus in order to receive face-to-face instruction. However, if the district is forced to close, we will shift to the [Frazier School District Virtual Academy](#) (as experienced during the 2020-2021 school year) which will now be located by clicking on our Virtual Classroom tab on the district website. This option will be implemented in the event that the school is forced to close due to COVID-19 outbreaks. The Virtual Classroom will operate on the regular bell schedule as students will live stream into the classes on site.

Cafeteria Setting

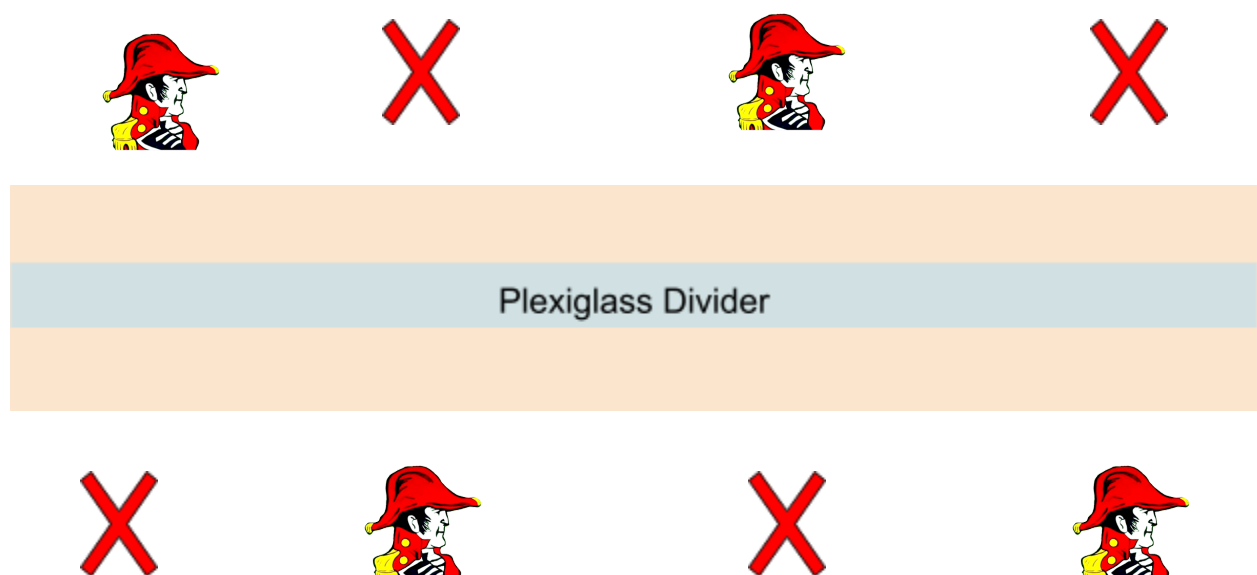
Based on building capacity and student enrollment, administration will determine areas that may be utilized for lunch. These areas could include classrooms, the library or other large areas within the school building.

Teachers will monitor the cafeteria and hallways to promote social distancing practices. Depending on the number of students in the school, students may have meals in both the cafeteria and in classrooms. Physical distance will be provided around each occupiable seat, if possible.

Staff will reinforce social distancing and signage will be posted to define traffic patterns in the cafeteria. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at entrances and exits of the cafeteria.

- Students will be expected to follow campus guidelines for cafeteria procedures.
- Students will be seated according to a seating plan for students consistent with social distancing guidelines
- Students are encouraged to read and adhere to the expectations and posted directional prompts/signs to ensure proper social distancing.

Example Cafeteria Seating Chart





Visitors & Volunteers

Protocols for Campus Visitors

Campus staff will utilize both in-person and virtual meetings to limit campus visitors. At this time, parents should contact the school via e-mail and phone to communicate with school personnel.

- Volunteers are not permitted to visit campuses until further notice (including parents, college representatives, guest speakers, etc.).
- Virtual tools will be used to conduct meetings such as PTO meetings, IEP's, conferences etc.
- If visitors have COVID-19 symptoms, or are lab confirmed with COVID-19, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry.
- All individuals entering the building will be required to wear face coverings.
- Any Individuals permitted to proceed beyond the reception area must follow all safety and campus protocols.
- New Elementary drop off and pick up procedures will be the same as last school year with social distancing in mind. Please refer to the District website for more information.

Technology

Elementary School

- Students in Kindergarten will have access to classroom devices that will remain at school. In the event that the District returns to a 100% virtual instructional model, Kindergarten students would be provided with a chromebook.
- Students in the grades (1, 2, 3, 4, & 5) will be required to bring their Chromebooks to and from school on a daily basis. We ask that Chromebooks are fully charged before arriving at school.



Middle School

Students in grades 6, 7, & 8 will be required to transport their Chromebooks to and from school on a daily basis. Students will also be required to have Chromebooks charged upon arrival to school.

High School

Students in grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 will be required to transport their fully-charged Chromebook to and from school on a daily basis.



Frequently Asked Questions

When is the first day of school?

The first day of school for the Pre-K-12 Grades in the Frazier School District is **Wednesday, August 25, 2021.**

When is Open House?

Open House is scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2021 beginning at 4:30 pm.

- Pre K-Grade 2 will have a family orientation at 4:30pm in the Middle School Gym.
- Grades 3 - 5 will have a family orientation at 5:00pm in the Middle School Gym.
- Grade 6 will have a family orientation at 5:30pm in the Middle School Gym.
- Grade 9 will have a family orientation at 4:30pm in the High School Auditorium.

Are masks required for students?

Masks are required for students on District Transportation. This includes all buses and vans.

[At this time, masks are **OPTIONAL** in our school buildings.](#) (August 2021)



What safety precautions are in place?

[In our cafeterias, plexiglass dividers are still in place. Students will sit with an open seat between each other.](#)

Will school breakfast and lunch be free for all students this year?

Yes, all students will receive free breakfast and lunch this school year.

What is the Virtual Option for students?

Frazier Students who wish to participate in a virtual mode for learning during the 2021-2022 school year should contact the respective building for more information on the IU Fusion CSI Program.

The Fusion Course Catalog can be located [here](#)!

To enroll a student, please have a district representative complete the online enrollment form.

What is the FUSION Cyber Solutions CSI?

The Fusion Cyber Solutions program provides local school districts with the ability to build the capacity to fully integrate online learning into their schools. Fusion is not a cyber school; rather, it is an online learning initiative that involves a comprehensive shift in the way we envision our public schools. As our world and the growing number of students enrolled in cyber schools have indicated, there is an undeniable need for all schools to embrace online learning as a viable option for students. Our goal is for all districts to be able to offer the majority of their curriculum in both an online format and face-to-face, resulting in an education system where students can move seamlessly between classroom and online courses. This gives districts the ability to provide students with the flexibility of online courses without leaving the district. Through the Fusion program, all district teachers will gain the required skills necessary to create and teach high-quality, rigorous, and engaging online courses that are aligned to their district's curriculum. The consortium of schools participating in the Fusion program allows for sharing of courses and resources, giving districts the opportunity to develop their online learning initiatives over time. The Fusion program can be customized to meet individual district needs to successfully carry them through the 21st century.



More information can be found [here](#)!

What will my student do if they are quarantined and cannot attend school?

Students will access their work daily through the Virtual Classroom link on our website. Through this link, formally the Virtual Academy Link, students will be able to access their google classrooms, teaching landing pages, and weekly playlists. Students will be able to communicate with their teachers via email, phone, or individual zoom meetings if needed and requested.

School Calendar:

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Board Approved: Monday, March 22nd, 2021

Revision Approved: August 16th, 2021

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In-service 18th, 19th & 24th
Scheduled day off – 20th
OPEN HOUSE – 23rd
12:00 pm – 7:30 p.m.
First day for students – 25th

5 Pupil = 5
9 Teacher = 9

AUGUST '21						
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Labor Day Holiday – 6th
4 ½ week mark – 27th

21 Pupil = 26
21 Teacher = 30

End of 1st marking period – 27th
Act 80 Day – 29th

21 Pupil = 47
21 Teacher = 51

OCTOBER '21						
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Veterans Day Holiday 11th
2 hr. Early Dismissal 23rd
Thanksgiving 24th – 29th

17 Pupil = 64
17 Teacher = 68

Keystone Testing -1st – 15th
4 ½ week mark – 6th
2hr. early dismissal – 22nd
Christmas Holiday Break

16 Pupil = 80
16 Teacher = 84

DECEMBER '21						
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Keystone Testing 3rd – 14th
In-service- 3rd
ML King Holiday – 17th
End of 2nd marking period – 18th

19 Pupil = 99
20 Teacher = 104

Act 80 Day – 7th Noon-7:30 pm
Parent/Teacher Conf.
(Elem/MS Only)
4 ½ week mark – 18th
President's Day Holiday – 21st

19 Pupil = 118
19 Teacher = 123

FEBRUARY '22						
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MARCH '22						
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Act 80 Day – 21st - Noon-7:30 pm
Parent/Teacher Conf. (HS Only)
End of 3rd Marking Period – 23rd

23 Pupil = 141
23 Teacher = 146

2 hr. Early Dismissal – 13th
Easter Holiday 14th – 18th
PSSA Testing – 25th – 29th
In-service – 29th
PROM- 29th
4 ½ week mark – 28th

17 Pupil = 158
18 Teacher = 164

APRIL '22						
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MAY '22						
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PSSA Testing – 2nd – 13th
AP Testing – 2nd – 13th
Keystone Testing 16th – 27th
Kennywood – 20th – school closed
Memorial Day Holiday – 30th

20 Pupil = 178
20 Teacher = 184

Last Day of School for
Students/Tentative
Graduation/End of 4th Marking
Period – 2nd

Inservice – 3rd

2 Pupil = 180
3 Teacher = 187

JUNE '22						
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	In-Service Days (7 days)
	Holidays
	ACT 80 Days (3 days)
	Testing Dates
	First & Last Day of School & Marking Pd

End of 1st Marking Pd– 10/27/21
End of 2nd Marking Pd – 1/18/22
End of 3rd Marking Pd – 3/23/22
End of 4th Marking Pd – 6/2/22

Weather Make Up Days:
12/23/21
1/17/22
2/21/22
4/14/22
4/18/22

Example School Symptom Screening Tool

Complete Daily Prior to School/Work*

Employee or Student Name:

Assigned Class/Group:

Temperature:

Are you/is the student taking any medication to treat or reduce a fever such as Ibuprofen (i.e. Advil, Motrin) or Acetaminophen (Tylenol)?

Are you/is the student experiencing any of the following?

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Cough Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing New olfactory disorder New taste disorder	Fever (measured or subjective) Chills Rigors Myalgia Headache Sore throat Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or runny nose

Stay home if, you or the student:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A **OR**
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B **OR**
- Are taking fever reducing medication.

**May be utilized as a screening tool for both at home and on-site screening practices.*

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
2021 – PAHAN – 583 – 7-30-UPD**




**UPDATE: Public Health Recommendations –
Testing, Isolation, and Quarantine by Vaccination Status**

DATE:	7/30/2021
TO:	Health Alert Network
FROM:	Alison V. Beam, JD, Acting Secretary of Health
SUBJECT:	Public Health Recommendations for People Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19
DISTRIBUTION:	Statewide
LOCATION:	n/a
STREET ADDRESS:	n/a
COUNTY:	n/a
MUNICIPALITY:	n/a
ZIP CODE:	n/a

This transmission is a “Health Update,” provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

HOSPITALS: PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL MEDICAL, PEDIATRIC, NURSING AND LABORATORY STAFF IN YOUR HOSPITAL; **EMS COUNCILS:** PLEASE DISTRIBUTE AS APPROPRIATE; **FQHCs:** PLEASE DISTRIBUTE AS APPROPRIATE **LOCAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS:** PLEASE DISTRIBUTE AS APPROPRIATE; **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:** PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP; **LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES:** PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL MEDICAL, INFECTION CONTROL, AND NURSING STAFF IN YOUR FACILITY

- This guidance replaces PA-HAN-566 and provides clarification on



quarantine recommendations for persons exposed to SARS-CoV-2.

- In counties with [substantial or high transmission](#), CDC and DOH recommend all persons, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask in public indoor settings.
- Fully vaccinated people who have had a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 2-5 days after exposure, and should wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test.
- Regardless of vaccination status, any person with new or unexplained symptoms of COVID 19 still needs to isolate and be evaluated for SARS-CoV-2 testing.
- If you have questions about this guidance, please call your local health department or **1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258)**.

Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) provides this guidance based on available information about COVID-19 and is subject to change.


On July 28, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated their [recommendations](#) for individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 given new evidence on the B.1.617.2. (Delta) variant currently circulating in the United States. Based on these updated recommendations, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) is updating guidance for individuals exposed to COVID-19. This guidance, which replaces [PA-HAN-566](#), provides clarification on quarantine guidance and public health mitigation strategies (e.g., masking, social distancing) based on vaccination status.

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This guidance applies to COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for emergency use by the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#), and to COVID-19 vaccines that have been authorized for emergency use by the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#).

Guidance for fully vaccinated individuals in healthcare settings can be found in [PA-HAN-563](#) and the [updated healthcare infection prevention and control recommendations](#).

Currently authorized vaccines in the United States are highly effective at protecting vaccinated people against symptomatic and severe COVID-19. Fully vaccinated people are less likely to become infected and, if infected, to develop symptoms of



COVID-19. They are at substantially reduced risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 compared with unvaccinated people.

Recommendation for Asymptomatic Vaccinated Individuals

Infections in fully vaccinated people (breakthrough infections) happen in only a small proportion of people who are fully vaccinated, even with the Delta variant. Moreover, when these infections occur among vaccinated people, they tend to be mild. However, [preliminary evidence](#) suggests that fully vaccinated people who do become infected with the Delta variant can be infectious and can spread the virus to others.

1) Recommendations for Masking in [Areas of Substantial or High Community Transmission](#)

Risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection, severe disease, and death is reduced for fully vaccinated people. Though they happen in only a small proportion of people who are fully vaccinated, some infections do occur among fully vaccinated people. Fully vaccinated people who do become infected with the Delta variant can transmit it to others. Therefore, fully vaccinated people can further reduce their risk of becoming infected with the Delta variant and transmitting it to others by wearing a mask in public indoor settings, particularly in [areas of substantial or high community transmission](#).

Wearing a mask in public is most important for people who are immunocompromised. [People at increased risk for severe disease](#) includes older adults and those who have certain medical conditions, such as diabetes, being overweight or obesity, and heart conditions. Unvaccinated household members include:


- Adults who have not completed vaccination,
- Adults who cannot be fully vaccinated, and
- People who are not eligible for vaccines, including children less than 12 years of age.

Fully vaccinated people should also continue to wear a mask where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance, and in correctional facilities, healthcare facilities, and homeless shelters. [Prevention measures, including masking at all times in public indoor settings](#), are still recommended for unvaccinated people.

Information regarding how to select and appropriately use a mask can be found on the [CDC website](#).

2) Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People with No COVID-19 Symptoms After Exposure to Someone with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

Fully vaccinated people should be tested 2-5 days following close contact with someone



with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result, and isolate if they test positive or develop symptoms. Recommendations for testing of exposed, fully vaccinated healthcare personnel are given in [PA-HAN-569](#).

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Fully vaccinated people who live in a household with someone who is immunosuppressed, at increased risk of severe disease, or unvaccinated (including children <12 years of age) could also consider masking at home for 14 days following a known exposure or until they receive a negative test result. They should isolate if they test positive or develop symptoms.

Fully vaccinated people should monitor for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) for 14 days following an exposure regardless of negative test results.

Recommendations for Asymptomatic Vaccinated Patients or Residents in Healthcare Settings


Fully vaccinated inpatients and residents in healthcare settings should continue to quarantine following prolonged close contact (within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection. In long-term care facilities, other types of known exposure may also warrant quarantine (refer to [PA-HAN-570](#)). Quarantine in healthcare settings includes the use of Transmission-Based Precautions for COVID-19 per [PA-HAN-563](#). Outpatients should also be cared for using Transmission-Based Precautions for COVID-19.

Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People with COVID-19 Symptoms

Any fully vaccinated person who experiences [symptoms consistent with COVID-19](#) should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for SARS-CoV-2 if indicated. The symptomatic fully vaccinated person should inform their healthcare provider of their vaccination status at the time of presentation to care.

Recommendations for Individuals Who Are Not Fully Vaccinated

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and are identified as [close contacts](#) of a COVID-19 case must quarantine. An individual is considered fully



vaccinated when 2 or more weeks have passed after the receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose vaccine series, or 2 or more weeks have passed after receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine. Quarantine is used to separate someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. This individual may or may not develop illness. The most protective recommended quarantine period remains at 14 days after the date of last exposure (Day 0) to a person who is infectious with SARS-CoV-2. CDC has provided options for [shorten quarantine](#) which balances the reduced burden to the individual under quarantine against a small possibility of increasing the spread of the virus.

The following are options to shorten the 14-day quarantine:

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring. However, it is recommended that symptom monitoring continue through Day 14.
- If diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available, quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen (i.e., RT-PCR or antigen) tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring.
 - The specimen must be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.


In order to discontinue quarantine after Day 7, specimens must be collected on or after Day 5. Specimens collected prior to this date will not be sufficient to allow quarantine to end early. Either RT-PCR or antigen tests would be acceptable testing methods for discontinuation of quarantine.

Persons can discontinue quarantine at these time points only if the following criteria are also met:

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- No clinical evidence of COVID-19 has been elicited by daily symptom monitoring during the entirety of quarantine up to the time at which quarantine is discontinued; and,
- Daily symptom monitoring continues through quarantine Day 14; and,
- Persons need to adhere strictly to all recommended nonpharmaceutical interventions (e.g., masking, physical distancing) through Day 14 after exposure.
 - If any symptoms develop, they should immediately self-isolate and contact the DOH at 1- 877-PA-HEALTH, their local health department, or their healthcare provider to report this change in clinical status.

Testing for the purpose of discontinuation of quarantine prior to day 10 should be considered only if it will have no impact on availability of community diagnostic testing. Testing of symptomatic persons seeking evaluation for infection must be prioritized.



Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms. However, masking is still recommended for unvaccinated persons. If they do become symptomatic, the person should isolate and seek testing.

DOH recommends that non-healthcare congregate settings, such as prisons and shelters, continue to follow recommendations for a 14-day quarantine period for individuals who are not fully vaccinated. COVID-19 transmission within these setting can be difficult to control, and the increased transmission risk associated with shortening the quarantine time periods may be problematic in these settings.

If you have questions about this guidance, please call your local health department or **1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258)**.

Individuals interested in receiving further PA-HANs are encouraged to register at <https://han.pa.gov/>.

Categories of Health Alert messages:

Health Alert: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action. **Health Update:** provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

<p>This information is current as of July 30, 2021 but may be modified in the future. We will continue to post updated information regarding the most common questions about this subject.</p>
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A Child in My Classroom is Showing Signs of COVID-19: What Do I Do?

Quick Guide for Child Care Providers

KNOW POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS



Cough



Fever



Headache



Diarrhea



Vomiting

OTHER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

Shortness of breath, chills, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, muscle pain, runny nose, feeling tired, and poor appetite. Symptoms may be very mild or more severe.

EMERGENCY WARNING SIGNS (CALL 911):

Trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, and bluish lips or face.



1. SEPARATE the Child

- Be discreet and calm.
- Make sure you and the child (if age 2 or older) are wearing a mask and standing at least 6 feet apart.
- Following the child care program protocol, have the child safely escorted from the classroom to a designated isolation area.



2. INFORM

- Contact designated staff responsible for COVID-19 concerns (e.g., program director).
- Let them know the child is being escorted to the isolation area and will need to be supervised (according to child care program protocol).



3. CLEAN and DISINFECT

- Close off the classroom and wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting, if possible. This will allow more time for the virus to die off.
- The classroom should be cleaned and disinfected, especially items in the child's area and shared items the child may have touched (e.g., doorknob, bathroom, and supplies).
- Note: Disinfectants can trigger an asthma attack. Choose safer products if any children have asthma.
- Open outside door(s) and window(s) to increase ventilation in the room (if possible).



4. IDENTIFY Close Contacts

- Write down where the child was relative to other children in the room.
- Note the name of any person who was within 6 feet of an infected child for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. Work with child care administrator to inform close contacts in accordance with applicable privacy laws.



5. NOTIFY Administration about the Sick Child

- Assist child care administration with close contact assessment. Observe applicable privacy laws.
- Consider linking family of the sick child to any emergency services (such as a nutrition program) that the child might need while in quarantine* at home.

* For more information on quarantine see

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>



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