

Covid 19 Protocols and Procedures 2022-2023 Maximize In-Person Learning

Rocky Hill Public Schools

Vaccinations

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- Everyone 6 months and older can receive both a COVID-19 vaccine and a seasonal vaccine for influenza
 - Many school aged children are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine booster right now, parents or guardians should consult with their pediatrician to determine if your child is eligible for a COVID-19 booster
 - It is likely that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will recommend that all eligible school aged children should receive a COVID-19 booster dose before winter

Maximize In-Person Learning

- In-person attendance provides the greatest benefit to children for both social/emotional/physical wellbeing and academic achievement
- The CDC recommends that people with symptoms of infectious disease, including COVID-19, influenza and gastrointestinal infections should stay home and get tested for COVID-19
- While the CDC recommends that any staff or student with symptoms, even with a negative test, should not report for in-person learning, the Department of Public Health supports an alternative approach, which Rocky Hill Public Schools will implement

- Staff or students with mild respiratory disease symptoms (infrequent cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, etc.) NO FEVER and no known COVID-19 in the household may continue to participate in school with a negative COVID-19 test
- Anyone with a fever should NOT report in-person until the fever has resolved for at least 24 hours without the use of medication and they should test for COVID-19 and produce a negative test before returning to work/school.
- COVID-19 self-test kits will be made available to all school districts
- Families can order self-test kits by visiting [COVID.gov/tests](https://www.covid.gov/tests); school nurses will obtain permission from families and test students in school when necessary
- Staff and students choosing to report in-person with mild symptoms and a negative test should be ***strongly encouraged*** to wear a well-fitting mask indoors.

- Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 should complete the isolation protocol
- Isolation due to a COVID-19 case is generally five days from the onset of symptoms or the date of the positive test
- Staff and students can return on day six, if symptoms have resolved and they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication
- If staff or students with a positive test return on day six, it is recommended that they wear a mask through day ten
- The CDC has dropped the recommendation to quarantine if a person has a possible exposure to someone with COVID-19
- Masks for staff and students are optional. This applies to the classroom, buses and sports

Reporting of COVID-19 Cases

School districts are required to report COVID-19 cases to the Department of Public Health

The Department of Public Health encourages the sharing of general information about COVID-19 cases within the school district with families

The reporting period for the DPH is weekly, Thursday through Wednesday

The Rocky Hill Public Schools community dashboard will be updated every Thursday with reported cases

