

Cook County Schools COVID-19 Guidelines

2021-2022

⇒Cook County School District encourages all students, faculty, and staff to wear a mask.

⇒If You Test Positive for COVID-19, Isolate.

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- You must stay home for 5 days.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolved after 5 days, you may return to work or school on day 6.
- You are encouraged to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

If you have a fever, stay home until your fever resolves.

⇒If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19:

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- You are encouraged to wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.
- If a student is exposed at school, parents will be contacted via phone call and/or text.
 - Students may still come to school if they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Exposed students are encouraged to wear a mask around others for 10 days.
 - If a parent chooses to self-quarantine the child for monitoring, the student will receive 5 days excused absences.

If you develop symptoms, get tested. If positive for COVID-19, follow the "Test Positive" protocol above.

⇒If You Were Exposed to Someone WITHIN YOUR HOUSEHOLD with COVID-19:

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- You must stay home for 5 days.
- On day 6, return to work or school.
- You are encouraged to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

If you develop symptoms, get tested. If positive for COVID-19, follow the "Test Positive" protocol above.

⇒Anyone Tested for COVID-19 must stay home until results are received.

COVID Leave Update: Dr. Holley presented the request to allow 5 local COVID leave days for FY22 for all employees who cannot report to work due to any COVID related reason. Dr. Holley presented request for an additional 5 local COVID leave days for FY22 for all employees who meet the qualifications of approved and updated COVID guidelines (1. Employee tests positive for COVID, 2. Employee exposed to someone within their household with COVID, 3. Employee has been tested for COVID and waiting for results). This process is different than what was implemented in FY21 by decreasing the days from 10 total to 5 COVID leave days up to a possible of 2 terms.

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