

SUMMARY OF HWIS COVID-19 PROTOCOLS October 2021

(Note: Department of Health guidance will change depending on level of community spread of COVID-19)

| Situation | School Policy | Can Return to School - | Comments |
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| <p>Child has allergy symptoms (runny nose, sneezing, itchy eyes, etc.)</p> | <p>If the child has documented seasonal allergies and does not exhibit other COVID-19 symptoms like shortness of breath, fever, loss of taste or sense of smell, etc., the child can remain in school. If other COVID-19 symptoms are present or if the child does not have documented seasonal allergies, the child should not be in school and should get PCR tested.</p> | <p>Immediately if allergy symptoms have been documented OR With a negative PCR test if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms (unless in close contact with a positive case)</p> | <p>The allergy must be documented either with a note from the doctor stating that the child has seasonal allergies or on the health form in the child's file at school signed by a doctor.</p> |
| <p>Positive COVID-19 case</p> | <p>Isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms or date of positive test if asymptomatic.</p> | <p>After 10-day isolation (no test required) as long as- -Fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication, and -No symptoms or improving symptoms In all cases, monitor symptoms for 4 additional days.</p> | <p>See quarantine guidance below.</p> |



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| <p>Unvaccinated Primary contact (that is, close contact*) of positive COVID-19 case or of someone suspected of having the virus due to COVID-19 symptoms</p> <p><i>*Within 6 feet for 10 minutes over a 24-hour period (for children to children contact, 3 feet is allowed when in school)</i></p> <p>Updated</p> | <p>Suspected COVID-19 case (symptomatic) should test ASAP and return to school with negative test.</p> <p>Close contact should quarantine from last date of exposure if suspected case is positive or has not been tested. If close contact has been fully vaccinated (Note 1) or recovered from laboratory confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days and is asymptomatic, no quarantine or test is required. But in all cases, individual should self-monitor for symptoms through day 14.</p> | <p><u>If asymptomatic:</u> After 7-day quarantine as long as-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Receives a PCR test on Day 5 or later that is negative, <p><u>If symptomatic:</u> After 10 day quarantine (no test required)</p> <p><u>And, in both cases:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication, and -No symptoms or improving symptoms <p><u>OR if suspected positive case tests negative , immediately if close contact is asymptomatic.</u> If not, close contact must quarantine and take PCR test.</p> | <p>-Of all the COVID-19 symptoms, the following are considered the most likely to indicate COVID-19: Fever, shortness of Breath, loss of taste or sense of smell, cough</p> <p>-COVID-19 typically presents itself in children as a bad cold or case of the flu</p> <p>-NOTE: Home PCR tests cannot be used to determine when a symptomatic child should return to school or as part of the 7 day quarantine.</p> |
| <p>Fully Vaccinated Close contact</p> <p>New</p> | <p><u>If symptomatic:</u> Quarantine and get tested</p> <p><u>If asymptomatic:</u> No quarantine is required but individual should get tested after day 3-4</p> | <p><u>If symptomatic:</u> After 7 day quarantine and a PCR test on Day 5 or later that is negative,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication, and -No symptoms or improving symptoms <p><u>If asymptomatic:</u></p> | |



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| | | Can return immediately and remain while awaiting test results | |
| Secondary Contact (close contact of a primary contact) | No quarantine or testing is required if asymptomatic. If the child displays COVID-19 symptoms they should not go to school but instead get a PCR test. | With negative PCR test if symptomatic. | -If primary contact tests positive, secondary contacts become primary contacts and need to follow quarantine guidance above for "close contacts" |
| Domestic travel (note 2) outside the "local area" <i>Non-essential travel is strongly discouraged</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Get tested 1-3 days before the trip● Get a second test 3-5 days after travel, and● Stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after travel.● If no second test done, self-quarantine for 10 days● Self-monitor for 14 days after the trip for COVID-19 symptoms <p>If fully vaccinated or recovered from laboratory confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days, and asymptomatic no quarantine or test is required.</p> | After quarantine period as long as- -Fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication, and - No other Covid-19 symptoms | -Local area for NY = Contiguous states to NY state -Local area for NJ = New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania |

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| <p>HWIS family member tests positive but has child or sibling in our school</p> <p>Updated</p> | <p>Positive family member isolates for 10 days but child, who becomes a close contact, must quarantine for those 10 days plus an additional 7-10 day quarantine of their own</p> | <p>See guidance above for positive or close contact cases</p> | <p>10+7-10-day quarantine since positive person could be infectious throughout their 10-day isolation and it is not realistic to expect family members to be able to isolate from each other. So close contact's own quarantine must begin at end of the positive family member's 10-day isolation period.</p> |
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The requirements to safely quarantine include:

- The individual must not be in public or otherwise leave the quarters that they have identified for their quarantine.
- The individual must be situated in separate quarters with a separate bathroom facility for each family group. Access to a sink with soap, water, and paper towels is necessary. Cleaning supplies (e.g., household cleaning wipes, bleach) must be provided in any shared bathroom.
- The individual must have a way to self-quarantine from household members as soon as a fever or other symptoms develop, in a separate room(s) with a separate door. Given that an exposed person might become ill while sleeping, the exposed person must sleep in a separate bedroom from household members.
- Food must be delivered to the person's quarters.
- Quarters must have a supply of face masks for individuals to put on if they become symptomatic.
- Garbage must be bagged and left outside for routine pick up. Special handling is not required.
- A system for temperature and symptom monitoring must be implemented to provide assessment in-place for the quarantined persons in their separate quarters.
- Nearby medical facilities must be notified, if the individual begins to experience more than mild symptoms and may require medical assistance.
- The quarters must be secure against unauthorized access.

Notes:

1. Fully vaccinated means at least 2 weeks have passed since receiving the final dose of your vaccine.
2. For International travel, check the CDC website and contact the school for guidance.

Appendix

Regulatory Structure that applies to HWIS in the case of Health Matters

