



COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR SCHOOLYEAR 2024.25

1. **Vaccines and boosters** are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for staff and students but are not mandatory at this time.
2. **Other precautions:** Students should stay home when sick, wash hands frequently at school and cover their mouths when coughing. The school will maximize ventilation in the classrooms with HEPA air filters and/or opening windows.
3. **Report All Positive Cases** of students to the school to include the following:
 - a. Date that symptoms began.
 - b. Date that the positive test was taken.
 - c. The last day the child was in the school (and whether or not they were in before/after care or afterschool activities).
 - d. Whether the individual is at risk of severe illness due to their particular medical condition.

Report via email to-

- i. NY campus: the classroom teacher, adminny@hwis.org, owashington@hwis.org and bhicks@hwis.org
 - ii. NJ campus: the classroom teacher, adminnj@hwis.org, owashington@hwis.org and bhicks@hwis.org.
4. **Child with Covid-19 symptoms.** This child will be excluded from class and isolated under adult supervision wearing a mask until their parents or caregiver can pick them up. For everyone’s safety, we ask that pick-up take place as soon as possible. Please test the child and report the results to the school. The child can return to school with a negative COVID test (but if using at home rapid tests, the negative result should be confirmed 48 hours later with a second rapid test).

5. **Child with COVID-19.** The procedure to return to school is as follows:

Individual’s situation	To return to school	When back in school
COVID-19 symptoms plus fever	-Fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine -No or improving* symptoms -No further test required	-Wear a mask for 5 days (Day 1 is the first day back at school) -Practice physical distancing as much as possible to avoid infecting others
COVID-19 symptoms with no fever	-No or improving* symptoms -No further test required	Same as above.



Neither COVID-19 symptoms or fever	-Can return immediately. -No further test required	Same as above
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*This “means the individual is no longer feeling ill and able to participate comfortably in educational and other activities as they did before they were ill. Any remaining symptoms, such as cough or runny nose are mild or infrequent (source: NJ Department of Health, *Respiratory Virus Guidance*).

Note: If symptoms or fever return, then the 24 hour isolation period “resets” and the guidance in the table above must be followed again.

6. As before, we will report to parents COVID-19 cases in the school by class when they occur.
7. The school reserves the right to reinstate mandatory masking at its discretion to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 or other communicable illnesses (e.g., seasonal flu)
8. Cloth masks are ONLY acceptable if they are tightly woven with multiple layers (that is, you can’t see light through it when held up to a light source), and have a wire nose strip, otherwise surgical and KN95 masks are preferred. In all cases, the mask must fit snugly around the mouth and chin, be dry and free from visible dirt.
9. There is no remote learning option available to children recovering from any illness including COVID-19. This is to ensure that the sick child is able to focus on their recovery and that the educational experience for the on-site children in that class is optimized.