



Standish-Sterling Community Schools Quarantine Procedures

Standish-Sterling Schools is committed to ensuring that all students and staff are as safe as possible in the classroom. The procedures that follow are designed to maintain in-person learning by outlining mitigation strategies when students are exposed to another student infected with Covid-19.

Quarantine and isolation are determined by Standish-Sterling Schools with consultation and recommendations made by our local health department and are used as important tools to prevent the spread of disease.

- You **isolate** when you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, even if you do not have symptoms. Isolation is used to separate people who are infected with COVID-19 from those who are not infected.
- You **quarantine** when you might have been exposed to COVID-19. This is because you might become infected with COVID-19 and could spread COVID-19 to others.

COVID-19 School Quarantine Guideline for Asymptomatic Students

School quarantine procedures for asymptomatic students who were exposed to a person infected with COVID-19 varies depending on a variety of circumstances. In all scenarios, the student who has COVID-19 shall isolate.

When a student exposed to a COVID-infected student can remain in school:

A **FULLY VACCINATED** student who came in close contact with a COVID-infected student:

- The exposed student can remain in school
- The exposed student should monitor for symptoms for 14 days

An **UNVACCINATED STUDENT** or **NOT FULLY VACCINATED** student either wearing or not wearing a mask properly, who come within 6 feet or less with a COVID-infected student:

- Daily test before going to class for 7 days
- Wear a mask correctly for 7 days at school
- Continue to monitor for symptoms 7 additional days
- Student may choose to quarantine at home for 10 - 14 days

When an unvaccinated student exposed to a COVID-infected person outside of a school setting:

A household contact is a person who lives with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Household contacts are at a much higher risk of getting infected with the virus.

Students who are a household contact (who haven't had COVID-19 in the last 90 days or aren't fully vaccinated) must quarantine and do not qualify for any modified quarantine options. They may end quarantine:

- After 10 days as long as they remain free of all symptoms of COVID-19
- Continue to monitor for symptoms 4 additional days

For household settings, it can be very hard to stay isolated from others in the home. If the student is unable to prevent having continued exposures, they may need to quarantine longer than 10 days. Every time they come into close contact with the person with COVID-19 while they are infectious, the 10-14 day quarantine starts over because they were exposed to the virus again.

What does “wearing a face mask correctly” mean?

When required to wear a mask, students will wear their mask correctly. A face mask that is worn correctly must:

- Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric, or be a surgical mask or KN95 mask
- Completely cover your nose and mouth
- Fit snugly against the sides of your face and not have gaps
- not have exhalation valves or vents which allow virus particles to escape
- not be worn under the nose

Any individual that displays COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, should isolate and be tested for COVID-19. Individuals can return from isolation as directed by their healthcare provider or local health department.

Any student that receives the rapid Covid-19 antigen test at Standish-Sterling Schools shall be considered asymptomatic. If any student that has been exposed tests Covid-positive from a rapid Covid-19 antigen test, that student shall isolate from Standish-Sterling Schools immediately and begin their 10-day isolation period.

These procedures are subject to change as needed with information we receive from the CMDHD and MDHHS.

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