

Warsaw Central School District

COVID-19 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

2022-2023 (3/1/2023 Update)

Do students have to quarantine following exposure to someone with COVID-19?

No. Quarantine is no longer recommended for people who are exposed to COVID-19. The CDC recommends that all people with a known or suspected COVID-19 exposure regardless of vaccination status or history of prior COVID-19 infection follow current CDC exposure recommendations which include:

- 1) Wear a well-fitting mask for a full 10-day period
- 2) Get tested at least 5 days after close contact or sooner if symptoms develop.

Do schools still need to conduct contact tracing of positive cases?

No, routine contact tracing is no longer recommended.

If an outbreak of cases should occur, the district will work with the local health department in accordance with state and local regulations.

How do I get a covid test?

- 1) The District has a supply of at home COVID tests available to you upon request. Test kits can be picked up at the front office in either building during normal school hours.
- 2) Contact your Health Care Provider - most providers have the ability to test in their office.
- 3) Contact your local pharmacy for COVID testing availability.

When should a student be sent home or stay home?

Students with symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea will be sent home or directed to stay home. If symptoms develop at school, the student should wear a well-fitted mask while arrangements are made to go home.

Testing should be performed prior to returning if experiencing ANY symptoms of COVID-19. Test kits are available upon request and can be picked up at the Elementary or Middle High School Office during normal school hours.

** Students must go a full 24 hours without a fever, vomiting or diarrhea before returning to school. Please note that medications such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) and ibuprofen (Motrin) are fever-reducers so this must be taken into consideration when determining if you child meets the 24-hour fever-free criteria to return.

** School officials have the discretion to require that a symptomatic individual not enter the school for a period of 5 days from the onset of symptoms if they cannot present evidence of a negative test.

What are the current isolation requirement for students who test positive for COVID-19?

Students who test positive for COVID-19 must **isolate for 5 days at home**. For those with symptoms, Day 1 is the first full day after symptom onset (Day 0 is the day of symptom onset). For those that had no symptoms Day 0 is the day they were tested (not the day you received your positive test result) and Day 1 is the first full day following the day they were tested—if someone develops symptoms within the 10 days of testing the clock restarts at day 0 on the day of symptom onset.

Students can resume attending school after the 5 days if:

- They are fever free without fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, their symptoms are improving AND they wear a mask through day 10

Those who are unable to wear a well fitted mask, should isolate for a full 10 days.

Note: After having ended isolation, if COVID-19 symptoms recur or worsen, contact your child's healthcare provider about their symptoms and guidance on when to end isolation.