



## GRACE COVID/HEALTH PROTOCOLS 2022-23

It is our intent to proactively maintain safe and healthy schools for all students, employees and families. These protocols will be regularly reviewed and updated based on current evidence as well as our community's current health and sickness levels.

- Infection prevention measures will be implemented and enforced. This means:
  - Staying home (not coming to school or work) when ill
  - Cleaning and disinfecting classrooms, materials, and surfaces
  - Washing hands and using good cough etiquette and hygiene
- Students and staff who either themselves or their family members are at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19 have the ability to mask optionally or take increased precautions as necessary.

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- Parents/guardians, students and staff should monitor for signs of illness daily. Students or staff who are **symptomatic from any reason**, should only report to school if:
    - They have a negative COVID-19 test that day (home tests are accepted)
    - They have been fever free (100.0° F) for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications
    - They are healthy enough to participate fully in all school activities
    - Note: If there is a medical diagnosis for symptoms other than Covid such as seasonal allergies, please consult with your principal.

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- If a student or staff tests **positive for COVID-19**, they will:
    - Isolate for 5 days past symptom date or test date (Day 0)
    - On Day 6, the student/staff may return to school if they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving, have been fever free (100.0° F) for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, AND agree to mask through Day 10.
    - If a student wishes to return to school on Day 6 but chooses not to mask, they will remain at home through Day 10.
  - The wearing of a mask remains an effective prevention strategy. Any student or staff who recently was exposed to someone with COVID-19, is awaiting COVID-19 test results (or another medical diagnosis), or is beginning to feel symptomatic of COVID-19 is recommended to wear a mask while in school. Recommendations for close contact include wearing a mask around others at home and in public for 10 days after the last close contact with someone with COVID-19.
  - GRACE schools will not practice contact tracing, nor quarantine for asymptomatic close contacts. School administration may notify parents of entire classrooms or groups of possible exposure if a cluster of cases occurs. **Emphasis will remain on identifying ill or symptomatic students and staff.**
  - Vaccination status is no longer a necessary factor in determining if a student can remain or return to school. Vaccinations are recommended for reducing symptoms of COVID-19 and for preventing hospitalizations. Please seek advice and direction from your own family medical provider.

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