

2021-22 WUSD Protocols for COVID-19 in a School/Classroom

(If you are feeling ill or if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms, please stay home.)

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VACCINATED Student = A school-aged youth with two doses of Pfizer
VACCINATED Staff = Full vaccination series + booster dose

Scenario	Action	Communication
1 A student/staff member either exhibits COVID-19 symptoms , answers yes to a health screening question or has a temp of 100 or above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student/Staff are provided a BinaxNOW antigen test. If negative student/staff are asked to test again prior to returning to school. Student/staff are sent home. Student/staff contact healthcare provider for assessment. Student/staff may return after being fever free with decreasing symptoms for 24 hours and cleared by their physician or test negative with a BinaxNOW antigen test. BinaxNOW test provided - student/staff advised to take a PCR test through their physician's office. Schools will remain open. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action is needed.
2 A vaccinated student/staff is in close contact with a COVID-19 positive case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student/staff report information to administrator. Student/staff are invited to take a BinaxNOW test. COVID-19 testing is recommended 3-5 days after exposure. If vaccinated student/vaccinated staff is asymptomatic, no quarantine period is necessary. If a vaccinated student/staff is symptomatic, the student/staff is sent home and may return after a 5 day quarantine and returns with a negative BinaxNOW test.* Schools will remain open. 	No action is needed.
3 An unvaccinated student/staff member is a close contact and is asymptomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close contacts (students/staff) may be placed on modified quarantine. Modified quarantine may end with a negative BinaxNOW test on day 5 OR in lieu of modified quarantine, all close contacts in the school setting are monitored through group tracing and BinaxNOW testing will be provided on day 3- 5 after exposure.* Public Health will be consulted and contacted for more information (707) 472-2759. Schools will remain open. 	To: Student Families and Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Message or letter sent to all families in contact with the staff and/or student.
4 A student/staff member tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student/staff report information to administrator. Student/staff are placed in isolation for 10 days. Student/staff may return to school before the 10-day isolation period ends if they test negative for COVID-19 on or after day 5 with a BinaxNOW antigen test.* If Covid positive student/staff continue to test positive, student/staff may return after day 10 of isolation if symptoms have significantly reduced and they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. Covid positive students can be placed on short-term independent study through their isolation period. Public Health will be consulted and contacted for more information (707) 472-2759. Student/staff may return to school when cleared by Public Health. Schools will remain open. 	To: Student Families and Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Message or letter sent to all families in contact with the staff and/or student.

***All students/staff who return from isolation/quarantine before day 10 must continue to wear a medical grade mask or N-95 and self monitor through day 10.**

DEFINITIONS

90-Day Rule: Once a person has tested positive for COVID-19, that person is exempt from quarantine and isolation orders for 90 days from the date they tested positive. This means if a student/staff member tested positive on November 1, 2021, and that student/staff member's brother, living in the home, tests positive for COVID-19 on January 15, 2022, the student/staff member would not need to quarantine and may continue coming to school because the second exposure is within 90 days of the student/staff member's initial positive test. If symptomatic, test and isolate.

BinaxNOW is an antigen test that identifies if a person is infected with COVID-19. This is a nose swab test.

Close Contact is a person who has had contact with a COVID-19 positive person for 15 minutes or more cumulatively over a 24 hour period, within less than 6 feet distance masked or unmasked.

Epi-linked means that individuals infected with COVID-19 are epidemiologically linked in their transmission. This means they had contact with one or more of the same people who are also COVID-19 positive.

VACCINATED Student: A vaccinated student is a school-aged youth who has had two doses of the Pfizer vaccine.

VACCINATED Adult: A vaccinated adult is a person who has had the full vaccination series of Pfizer, Moderna or the Johnson & Johnson vaccine AND has received a **booster** if eligible.

Isolation only pertains to individuals who test positive for COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status:

- This is usually a 10 day period.
- The infected individual stays in a space away from others to avoid transmission.
- The infected individual is not permitted on any school campuses until after the isolation period has expired AND the individual is fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications and symptoms are improving AND the individual is released from Public Health.

Quarantine is a time of separation of a person who may develop symptoms of/or transmit COVID-19. Usually considered this to last 10 days from the last day of close contact with an infected person. Self monitoring for symptoms should continue for a total of 14 days.

Modified Quarantine only pertains to unvaccinated individuals who have had close contact at school:

- This is a 7-10 day period depending upon testing.
- Students continue to attend in-person instruction.
- Students are tested twice at school with BinaxNOW, the first test recommended at the beginning of the quarantine and **required** on or after day five. If students test negative, quarantine may end after day 7.
 - If a student tests positive or has symptoms, they are moved into isolation for 10 days from the day they tested positive.
- Students are not able to participate in any extracurricular activities (athletics, cheer, clubs, etc.) for the duration of the modified quarantine period regardless of BinaxNOW results.

Group Tracing: Students and staff who are in shared airspace with a Covid positive person in the school setting will be notified by school personnel. Students and staff who are exposed will be allowed to continue to participate in extracurricular activities and school events as long as they test negative with a BinaxNOW antigen test 3-5 days after initial exposure.

WUSD COVID-19 Action Plan

Moving to Independent Study or Remote Learning

5/21/22

- Should any WUSD school or classroom require closure due to COVID-19 as recommended by the Mendocino County Public Health Officer, WUSD will move students to independent study or remote learning to continue educational delivery.
 - Within the first 30 days of school, all wUSD students will be assigned a Chromebook for the 2021-22 school year.
 - All teachers will work with their students and their families to prepare for a potential closure.
- Online materials or paper packets will be made available for students to access.
- Students will be trained on how to access their online educational accounts.
 - Families will be notified via the district website of the number of positive COVID-19 cases in their student's school.
 - When possible, WUSD Administration will issue a warning should the number of cases rise to a level that threatens a potential school or classroom closure.
 - Students and families will have a minimum of one school day to collect materials before moving to remote learning.
 - WUSD will notify families of any school closure through the district website, social media accounts, emails, and text messages to parents.