

# River Forest Community School Corporation

## CDC/ISDH Updated Back to School Guidelines for K-12 Schools Updated August 12, 2022

On February 23, 2022, we began to operate as a mask optional school and will continue to do so. According to the ISDH, mask wearing is optional for all students, teachers, and staff in the school, as well as the classroom. Per the CDC, it is optional for students and persons riding a schoolbus to wear a mask. <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html>

Following are the updated Covid-19 guidelines for Indiana schools effective February 23, 2022, regardless of mask requirements:

- **Schools are NO longer required to report positive cases to the Indiana State Department of Health as they removed their reporting system on February 23, 2022.**
- **It is no longer recommended to contact trace or social distance in the schools or classroom. It will be up to the positive individual to notify their close contacts and may use [www.tellyourcontacts.org](http://www.tellyourcontacts.org).**

### **If a student, teacher, or staff member tests positive for Covid-19:**

- Stay home for 5 days from the start of symptom onset OR, if asymptomatic, 5 days from the day of the positive test. A negative test or doctor's note is not required to return to school or work.
- May return Day 6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Recommended to remain masked in the classroom and on the bus for Days 6-10.
- Students may resume extracurricular activities on Day 6, if all of the above conditions are met and the student is recommended to wear a mask, except while actively performing.

### **If a student, teacher, or staff member is exposed to someone with Covid-19 in or outside of the classroom, including home contacts and extra-curricular activities:**

- **Regardless of vaccination status or mask requirement status**
  - If asymptomatic, remain in school.
  - If a home contact, isolate as much as possible from the positive contact, as well as to continue to wear a mask as much as possible in the household.
  - If symptoms develop, stay home. It is recommended to get tested. If positive, stay home and follow isolation guidelines. If negative, may return to school when symptoms have resolved for 24 hours. If not tested, you may return if symptoms are resolving and fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.