



January 10, 2022

Dear Greenville Families and Staff:

The New York State Department of Health has adopted a new [CDC recommendation on shortening quarantine and isolation to 5 days](#) for the general population including students and school staff. It is anticipated that schools may receive further guidance based on the [January 4th memo](#) from the New York State Health Department, which also aligns with the [updated recommendations from the CDC](#). These new changes will take effect immediately. These changes supersede previous guidance and protocols listed in our school opening plan published in September 2021.

Moving forward, this means any new cases will follow the updated guidance below.

ISOLATION

A person must [isolate](#) when they are sick or when they have been infected with the virus, even if they don't have symptoms.

Any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, must isolate at home for 5 days, where day "0" is the day of symptom onset or (if asymptomatic) the day of collection of the first positive specimen.

- If asymptomatic at the end of 5 days, or if symptoms are resolving, isolation ends and the individual should wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days.
 - Improving symptoms would include no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, no runny nose and no productive cough.
- Individuals who are moderately-severely immunocompromised should continue to follow standard (i.e., not shortened) [Isolation Guidance](#).
- Individuals who are unable to wear a well-fitting mask for 5 days after a 5-day isolation should also follow standard (i.e., not shortened) [Isolation Guidance](#).

QUARANTINE

A person must [quarantine](#) when they might have been exposed to the virus and may or may not have been infected.

If exposed to COVID-19, students and staff members must quarantine as follows, where day "0" is the last date of exposure:

- If not fully vaccinated: **Quarantine for 5 days and wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days.**
- If fully vaccinated: **NO quarantine is required but these individuals should wear a well-fitting mask while around others for 10 days after the last date of exposure.**
- If possible, test at day 5 with either a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT, e.g., PCR) or antigen test.
- **If symptoms appear, quarantine and seek testing.** In this situation, quarantine would end when the test administered by a healthcare professional is negative. If testing is not done, isolate according to the isolation guidance.

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Please view an updated chart explaining the new isolation and quarantine guidance.
[Isolation Quarantine Guidance.pdf](#)

If your child is currently under quarantine or isolation per the old guidance and you feel that they meet the criteria for a shortened quarantine or isolation period, please email your school nurse to determine their return date to school.

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CONTACT TRACING ON THE BUS

Greene County Department of Health has also revised contact tracing on school buses to include only students or staff sitting in the same seat as the individual who tests positive, as long as other protocols such as wearing masks at all times are adhered to. All others on the bus will not be required to quarantine.

For your convenience, we have provided an updated chart explaining contact tracing on school buses.
[Bus Tracing 1.5.22.pdf](#)

We also wanted you to be aware that children ages 12 to 15 are now eligible for the Pfizer booster shots. Kelly's Pharmacy is offering vaccinations or please visit <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/> for more information on where to find other vaccine and booster sites near you. You may also visit the county health department websites for other available locations.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate the changing guidance impacting our schools. As always, we will communicate any changes after they have been discussed with and approved by our local department of health.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Tammy J. Sutherland
Superintendent of Schools