



HARVARD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 50

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Harvard Families,

We are pleased to share that the isolation and quarantine period has been **reduced to five days** under specific qualifications.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Board of Education, and McHenry County Department of Health are expected to announce that the agencies have adopted the [CDC guidance](#) for PreK-12 schools. Harvard CUSD 50 will implement the new guidance for isolation and quarantine beginning 1/11/2022. As soon as possible, we will contact staff, students, and families who are currently impacted by a quarantine with a revised return to school plan.

Masks are still required inside school buildings based upon the State of Illinois' mask requirement.

New Quarantine Period for a *Close Contact* to Someone with COVID-19

Fully Vaccinated

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 18 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters, if eligible.• Ages 5-17 and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.• Confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (tested positive using a viral test). | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quarantine is not required.• Wear a mask around others for ten days.• Test on day 5, if possible.• If symptoms develop, isolation should begin immediately until a negative test confirms symptoms are not from COVID-19. |
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Unvaccinated or Eligible for the Booster but Has Not Received It

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ages 18 or older and completed the primary series of recommended vaccines but have not received a booster shot when eligible.• Received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine over two months ago and have not received a recommended booster shot.• Unvaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay home and mask around others for five days. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days.• Test on day 5, if possible.• If a person develops symptoms, they should immediately isolate until a negative test confirms symptoms are not from COVID-19. |
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New Guidance for an *Isolation Period* if Someone Tests Positive for COVID-19

- Staff or students who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for five days.
- After testing positive, staff or students who have no symptoms or resolving symptoms can be released from isolation after five days. (Day 0 is the first day of symptoms or specimen collection date if asymptomatic.)
- After five days, if a fever is present or symptoms have not improved, isolation should continue.
- Once a student or staff returns to school, they should continue to wear a well-fitted mask around others (including at home) for five additional days and maintain 6 feet of physical distancing to the best of their ability.

Thank you for your continued support and flexibility as we navigate the changing guidance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Corey Tafoya
Harvard CUSD 50 Superintendent