

River Forest Community School Corporation

CDC/ISDH Updated Back to School Guidelines for K-12 Schools Effective January 20th, 2022

We will continue to be a mask requirement school. According to the ISDH, this means mask wearing is monitored and all students, teachers, and staff wear masks consistently in the classroom.

Following are the updated Covid-19 guidelines for a mask requirement school:

If a student or staff member tests positive for Covid-19:

- Stay home for 5 days. It is recommended to notify your primary care health provider.
- May return Day 6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and fever free for 24 hours
- Must remain masked in the classroom and on the bus
- If a student is unable to mask properly in the classroom or on the bus, they must isolate the full 10 days, returning to school on Day 11
- Students may resume extracurricular activities on Day 6 if all of the above conditions are met and the student is able to wear a mask properly at all times, except while actively performing

If a student or staff member is exposed to someone with Covid-19:

- If asymptomatic, remain in school and mask properly at all times (Test day 5 if possible)
- May continue extracurricular activities wearing a mask properly at all times (while not actively performing or actively playing during the sporting activity)
- If symptoms develop, get tested. If positive, stay home and follow isolation guidelines. If negative, may return to school when symptoms have resolved, wearing a mask at all times

If a student or staff member is exposed to someone with Covid-19 outside of the classroom, including home contacts:

- If fully vaccinated, receiving all doses including the booster, if eligible
 - If asymptomatic, remain in school and mask properly at all times (Test day 5 if possible)
 - May continue extracurricular activities wearing a mask properly at all times (while not actively performing or actively playing during the sporting activity)
 - If symptoms develop, get tested. If positive, stay home and follow isolation guidelines. If negative, may return to school when symptoms have resolved, wearing a mask at all times.
- If unvaccinated or partially vaccinated
 - Stay home for 5 days
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