



Dayton School District

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Covid Guidance to parents,

Now that the dust has settled I would like to share a summary of the COVID guidance that was released by the Washington State Department of Health, which the Dayton School District is following.

Based on guidance from the Department of Health, we are not requiring masks to be worn, however, if you prefer your child to wear a mask that is certainly acceptable. In the guidance that follows there are situations where mask wearing is recommended. Also, we will not be testing for COVID at the school. We will have self-testing kits available if you need some. We will have supplies at each school office and at the administration office as well. We will continue to work with our local health district in regard to current or upcoming guidance and we will have a section of our district website available with the most current information. In general if your child is sick please keep them home and if they are displaying symptoms for COVID you can check them at home. You may receive a phone call from our school offices asking you to pick up your child if they are not feeling well. Remember colds and flu will be returning and becoming more common since we have a higher level of contact.


Guidance:

- Students who test positive for COVID are required to isolate at home for 5 days. If symptoms improve and they have had no fever for the past 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, students can come back to school and are encouraged to test before returning.
- It is recommended, but not required, that students and staff returning to school after their 5 days of isolation:
 - a. Wear a well-fitted mask from days 6 to 10
 - b. Remain masked for sports and other extracurricular activities on days 6 to 10.
- Students who test positive after 5 days of isolation must stay at home for the full 10-day isolation period.
- The schools will inform students, families, and staff when there are cases or outbreaks in school. We will communicate via our website, text, and emails. Please update the options you prefer.

You can receive free self-tests from the [Say Yes! COVID test program](#). Many insurances will also cover up to 8 self-tests per individual.

Working together we can maintain a healthy and safe environment for our children.

Sincerely,



Rich Stewart, Superintendent.