

2022-2023

Lionsgate Academy

Safe Return to School Plan

CDC School and Childcare COVID-19 Operational Guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>

Outline of Guidelines

1. Encourage vaccination when appropriate
2. “Stay home when you are sick” policy for students and staff
 - a. Persons with COVID-like symptoms should test for COVID-19.
 - b. Persons with the following symptoms must remain home regardless of COVID-19 results: fever of 100.4 F or above, cough, vomiting, diarrhea, or shortness of breath. If negative results on COVID test, can return to campus when symptoms are resolve.
 - c. Persons with mild symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, etc) can return to school if they have 2 negative COVID tests at least 12 hours apart, but need to wear a mask while symptoms still exist.
 - d. Persons who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to stay home a minimum of 5 days, and can return if symptoms have resolved by day 6. They must wear a mask from day 6-10 unless they can produce 2 negative antigen test results.
3. Upgraded Ventilation Systems
4. Encourage hand hygiene and routine cleaning of all surfaces

Changes in Procedures for 2022: Testing

1. Families and staff will be provided with Binax NOW antigen tests to use at home to test if symptoms occur. School nurses will not be testing at school anymore.
2. Families and staff will take responsibility to test when symptoms arise, stay home when sick (regardless of COVID results), and report positive test results to LGA.
3. Student's families should report positive results to **their building nurse** and follow CDC guidelines for when they can return to school.
4. Staff will report positive results **to their supervisor** and follow CDC guidelines to return to work.
5. No contact tracing will be done this year.
6. Onsite testing may be available in cases of outbreaks or high transmission. There will be no mandatory testing of staff at this time.

Changes to Procedures for 22-23: Isolation and Quarantine Standards

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/your-health/QI-Guidance-Isolation.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/your-health/QI-Guidance-Quarantine.pdf>

NOTE: For Students/Staff who wish to come to school with a household Covid case (parent/spouse, etc), they will need to test themselves daily for 10 days with an at-home test and wear a mask at school for those 10 days. Tests can be supplied by LGA or your local pharmacy.

Recommendations for People with COVID-19

Have you tested positive for COVID-19 or have mild symptoms and are waiting for test results?

Here's What To Do:

Isolate. Stay at home for at least 5 days.*



To keep others safe in your home, wear a mask, stay in a separate room and use a separate bathroom if you can.



Do not travel for 10 days.



If you can't wear a mask, stay home and away from other people for **10 days**.



To calculate the recommended time frames, **day 0** is the day you were tested if you don't have symptoms, or the date your symptoms started.



Contact your healthcare provider to discuss your test results and available treatment options. Watch for symptoms, especially fever. If you have an [emergency warning sign](#), such as trouble breathing or persistent chest pain or pressure, seek emergency medical care immediately.



Day 6: Do a self-check. How are you feeling?

You could have loss of taste or smell for weeks or months after you feel better. These symptoms should not delay the end of isolation.



No symptoms or symptoms improving. No fever without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours: You can leave isolation. Keep wearing a mask around other people at home and in public for **5 more days** (days 6-10).



Symptoms not improving and/or still have fever: Continue to stay home until 24 hours after your fever stops without using fever-reducing medication and your symptoms have improved.



After you feel completely better, keep wearing a mask around other people at home and in public through **day 10**.



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*If you are [moderately or severely ill](#) (including being hospitalized or requiring intensive care or ventilation support) or [immunocompromised](#), please talk to your healthcare provider about when you can [end isolation](#). Please refer to [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation](#) for guidance on isolation in healthcare settings and high risk congregate settings (such as correctional and detention facilities, homeless shelters, or cruise ships).

Changes to Procedures for 22-23: COVID-19 Community Levels and Impact on Operations

[CDC COVID-19 Community Levels by State/County](#)

1. Masking
2. COVID-19 Testing standards
3. Symptom monitoring and exposure tracking
4. Distance Learning

Masking

- Low levels: Masking is Optional
- Medium Levels: Masking is Encouraged, especially for immunocompromised persons
- High Levels: Masking will be **Required** for all Staff and Students
- Paper surgical masks (the blue ones) will be provided by LGA as needed
- KN95 Masks will not be provided except in certain situations as authorized by the District School Nurse. KN95 masks can be self-provided and worn at any time.
- Persons with mild symptoms, exposure, or post Covid (last 5 days) are required to wear mask as per symptom protocol.

Testing

When community levels are in the HIGH zone, at-home testing kits will be sent home weekly with students and LGA will ask that parents take responsibility to test their students weekly. Results do not need to be provided to the school unless there is a positive test result.

Symptoms/Exposures

During periods of high transmission, closer attention may be paid to exposure and symptom development, and PCR testing may be required for return to school. These stricter guidelines will be communicated when the District School Nurse and administrative team determine it is necessary.

Distance Learning

Every effort will be made to prevent distance learning. However, there could be times in which brief periods of distance learning may be required. For example, when:

1. A significant portion of the school population has a positive COVID diagnosis (staff/students). This brief move to distance learning will be to do the following:
 - Deep clean building
 - Provide school wide testing opportunity
2. Staffing shortages due to illness require a temporary pivot to a hybrid or distance model.

