



COVID-19 Protocols 2022-2023 School Year

Dear Voorhees Township Public Schools Family,

The safety of our Voorhees Township Public Schools family remains our top priority. The District has taken into consideration all of the current data from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New Jersey Department of Health Department (NJDOH) in regard to COVID-19 cases, accessibility of testing, and vaccination rates and developed the following protocols for the 2022-2023 school year. These protocols are subject to change as a result of mandates by the CDC, NJDOH, and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).

Reporting Positive Cases

Step 1: Parent/Guardian notifies the School Nurse that their child tested positive for COVID-19 immediately upon receiving the test results and provides those test results to the school nurse.

Step 2: School Nurse notates information on the COVID-19 Log and informs the Principal.

Step 3: The Principal informs the Superintendent, Supervisor of Special Projects, and any applicable staff members.

Step 4: School Nurses collect information and submit data to the Camden County Department of Health.

Step 5: The Supervisor of Special Projects updates the Covid-19 Dashboard on the District Website.

Note: The Principal will submit a letter to parents/guardians to report all positive cases. Elementary School will notify homeroom classes. Voorhees Middle School will notify by grade level.

Exposure to COVID-19

The CDC has recommended that in lieu of quarantining, an individual exposed to COVID-19 and showing no symptoms should wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested five 5 days after the exposure date (day 6). If the test is positive, follow the Isolation Guidelines below. The date of the positive test is day zero. If the test is negative, continue to wear a mask until day 10 and monitor for symptoms.

Parents/guardians must inform the school nurse of children wearing a mask due to exposure.

Note: A student who has symptoms should get tested as soon as possible and report results directly to the school nurse.

As of September 1, 2022



Isolations and Quarantine Guidelines

Staff or Student with a positive test

- A. Isolate for 5 days from the date the symptoms began or the day of the positive test if asymptomatic (both are considered day zero).
- B. Can return on day 6 (if symptoms are greatly improved) and must wear a mask for days 6-10. Parents should contact the school nurse if they have any questions regarding symptoms.
- C. Students and staff who are sick and suspect that they have COVID-19 should isolate until the test results are received.
 - a. If the test results are positive, follow the above isolation and quarantine guidelines (A-B).
 - b. If the test results are negative, the isolation can be terminated if there is no diarrhea, vomiting, or fever for 24 hours.

Virtual Instruction

- A. Students who test positive will be assigned to remote instruction by the School Nurse and Principal for days 1-5.
- B. Staff will be assigned virtual instruction if an entire class must be quarantined. There will be no other option for staff to work remotely.
- C. Virtual instruction will not be available for students who choose to quarantine. Please note that in alignment with past practice, any student with an illness can complete make-up work by contacting the teacher.

Contact Tracing

The District will continue with the practice of the elimination of contact tracing.

Testing Mandate for Unvaccinated Staff

Testing for unvaccinated staff will be eliminated effective September 1, 2022.

Student Absences

Documentation of a positive result or a physician's certificate must be submitted to excuse a student for COVID-19 related absences.

Procedures for Students Showing Symptoms in School

Students who present with two symptoms in Column A or one symptom from Column B (see below) will be provided a mask and placed away from other students until a parent arrives. Students must be tested prior to returning to school. If a student suffers from a long-term condition that presents as COVID-19 symptoms, such as allergies, a doctor's note is needed to prevent future requests for testing.

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COLUMN A

- Chills
- Rigors (shivers)
- Myalgia (muscle aches)
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Fever (measured or subjective)
- Congestion or runny nose

COLUMN B

- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing
- New loss of smell
- New loss of taste

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and patience as we continue to face the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neely Hackett

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