

Henry Viscardi School COVID-19 Protocols
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Henry Viscardi School
at The Viscardi Center



Formal Guidance

- **School Year 2022-23 Frequently Asked Questions for Schools**

[2022-2023 Frequently Asked Questions related to COVID-19 \(nysed.gov\)](#)

- **School Year 2022-23 Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Caregivers**

[What Parents/Caregivers Should Know about COVID Mitigation Strategies, FAQ for the 2022-2023 School Year \(nysed.gov\)](#)



Key Updates from the CDC/State Recommendations

- The guidelines and recommendations no longer differentiate between vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
- Isolation for those testing positive for COVID-19 is still *required*.
- Individuals exposed to COVID-19 are no longer required to quarantine.
- No requirement for contact tracing.
- Screening testing is no longer required.
- Physical distancing is no longer required.
- No required reporting of positive test results.



Return to School After Symptoms or Illness

Returning to School After Symptoms or Illness:

- The recommendation remains for students and staff exhibiting a COVID-related symptom to stay home until an antigen or PCR test show negative result(s).
- The school will continue to make test kits, over-the-counter/home tests, available to any students or staff who experience symptoms related to COVID to test prior to returning to school after an absence or illness.



Returning After Testing Positive for COVID-19

After testing positive for COVID-19, a student or staff member must report such to the school, and may return to school according to the following:

For individuals who had symptoms:

- It has been a minimum of 5 days since the individual first had symptoms;
 - ✓ Day 0 is the day of symptom onset.
 - ✓ It has been at least 24 hours since the individual has had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine); and
 - ✓ It has been at least 24 hours since the individual's symptoms improved.
 - ✓ Individuals returning are recommended to wear a well-fitting mask (day 6 through day 10).

For individuals who did not have symptoms:

- It has been a minimum of 5 days from test date if the individual is **asymptomatic**;
 - ✓ Day 0 is the day of positive test.
 - ✓ Isolation ends after 5 full days if **no symptoms** develop.
 - ✓ Individuals returning are recommended to wear a well-fitting mask (day 6 through day 10).



Recommendations Following Exposure to COVID-19

- **Regardless of vaccination status, individuals are not subject to mandatory quarantining.**
- **The school will continue to make test kits, over-the-counter/home tests, available to all individuals who may have been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case.**
- **Test five (5) days after last date of exposure or sooner if symptoms develop.**
- **If symptoms develop, immediately self-isolate and report such to the school.**

