

East Aurora District 131
2022-2023 Return to School Student Guidance
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We are excited to welcome students and staff back for the 2022-2023 school year! We look forward to a productive, safe and healthy school year. Please review the guidance below regarding return to school COVID-19 procedures.

- All students will attend school in-person for 5 days per week.
- School attendance will indicate self-certification that student is not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Masking is optional for all students and staff based on the COVID-19 Community Level per IDPH guidance.
- All district school buildings will implement procedures to maintain physical distance to the greatest extent possible.
- Students placed on isolation/quarantine will be provided a combination of synchronous and asynchronous assignments via Google Classroom and/or Swivls (cameras for streaming classroom instruction).
- **Siblings** that are placed on isolation/quarantine will be provided a combination of synchronous and asynchronous assignments via Google Classroom and/or Swivls (cameras for streaming classroom instruction).

Glossary of Terms

- **Fully Vaccinated:** an individual is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after the second dose in a 2-dose vaccine series or 2 weeks after a single dose vaccine.
- **Up to Date:** you are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines when you have received all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended for you, when eligible. Up to date individuals do not need to quarantine if in close contact with a COVID-19 individual as long as they remain asymptomatic.
- **Isolation:** is used to separate people with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 from those without COVID-19. The current isolation duration is at least 5 full days.
- **Quarantine:** is a strategy used to prevent transmission of COVID-19 by keeping people who have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 apart from others.

[IDPH Decision Tree for Evaluating Symptomatic Individuals from Pre-K, K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs](#)

Testing is Strongly Recommended for ALL Persons with COVID-19-Like Symptoms, Regardless of Vaccination Status

COVID-19 Status Guidelines (Possible Options)

A. Confirmed COVID-19 case

- The parent/guardian will receive a Student Positive COVID-19 Letter notifying them of the exclusion period start and end date.
- Isolate at home for at least 5 calendar days from onset of symptoms. Date of last

exposure is considered day 0.

- The individual may end isolation after 5 calendar days and return to school if symptoms are improving including 24 hours after diarrhea and vomiting have ceased AND the individual is 24 hours fever free (without fever reducing medications).
- Upon return, mask for an additional 5 days. If unwilling to mask, must isolate at home for 10 days.
- Guidance from the public health department may be provided recommending that their child see a health care provider and they may supply dates as to when a student can return to school.
- **Siblings:** Same household siblings need to quarantine for 5 calendar days, unless they are up to date and asymptomatic.

B. Symptomatic Individual with Negative COVID-19 Diagnostic Test or Alternative Diagnosis

- Isolate until symptoms have improved/resolved per return to school criteria for diagnosed condition, including fever free for 24 hours, symptoms improving and until 24 hours after diarrhea and vomiting have ceased.
- Individuals must test negative within 48 hours of onset of symptoms to return to school sooner than the 5-day isolation period.
- Home tests are allowed.
- **Siblings:** No quarantine required if siblings are asymptomatic.

C. Symptomatic Individual without Negative COVID-19 Diagnostic Test

- Isolate at home for at least 5 calendar days from onset of symptoms. Upon return, mask for an additional 5 days. If unwilling to mask, must isolate at home for 10 days.
- The individual may end isolation after 5 calendar days and return to school if symptoms are improving including 24 hours after diarrhea and vomiting have ceased AND the individual is 24 hours fever free (without fever reducing medications)
- **Siblings:** No quarantine required as long as they are asymptomatic.

D. Asymptomatic Individual who is Close Contact to Confirmed Case

- The parent/guardians of students who have been in close contact with a COVID-19 individual will receive notification of close contact with quarantine start and end dates.
- Quarantine for 5 calendar days after last exposure to the COVID-19 case. Upon return, mask for an additional 5 days. If unwilling to mask, must isolate at home for 10 days.
- Individuals who have had diagnoses of COVID-19 confirmed within 90 days do not need to quarantine for 5 calendar days. (Must show proof of the positive COVID test result).
- If the individual develops symptoms, they must observe a 5-day isolation period OR obtain a negative test. (Home tests are allowed).
- Individuals who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations do not need to isolate after exposure unless they develop symptoms.
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- **Siblings:** No quarantine required.

**Severely immunocompromised or severely ill may need to be in quarantine for 20 days as per guidance from the individual's infectious disease physician. The Registered Professional School Nurse can develop an Individual Health Care Plan (IHP) for students whose healthcare needs require more complex nursing services after their return from a 20-day quarantine. A note from the medical provider is required indicating the nursing accommodation(s) needed.

***Note this guidance is subject to change per recommendations from the IDPH/CDC/KCHD.*

Maintaining Healthy School Environments

East Aurora School District 131 is committed to maintaining the healthiest school environments possible. In order to ensure the safety of all students and school personnel, the following procedures will be followed in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

Social Distancing

- To the greatest extent possible, all district school buildings will develop classroom layouts that allow physical distance between students and staff.
- Each teacher is required to have a seating chart within the classroom.

Handwashing

- Students are encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day in order to prevent the spreading of germs.

Hand Sanitizer in Classrooms

- There will be residual hand sanitizer available in all classrooms.
- Sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands. Residual Sanitizer continues to kill microscopic germs long after drying.

Cafeterias/Food Service

- Breakfast and lunch will operate normally.

Transportation

- Bus vendors will sanitize busses between routes and nightly.
- Seating charts will be utilized on all bus routes.
- Masking on busses is optional for all students and staff based on the COVID-19 Community Level per IDPH guidance.

SHIELD Illinois Testing *This section still needs review based on Shield input

- We will have SHIELD testing for all students and staff who do not opt out based on the availability of testing supplies from SHIELD Illinois.

School Nurse Office/Symptom Room

- Students who are ill will have access to the school nurse's office and follow regular school nurse office procedures.
- Symptom rooms will be used as needed based on space availability.

- Masks continue to be federally required in healthcare settings and for healthcare personnel, including school nurse offices.

Buildings and Grounds Pandemic Cleaning Procedures

Safety and wellness is our main priority. In order to stop the spread of germs, there will be specific cleaning and disinfecting procedures implemented.

- All schools will have air purifiers in place to ensure air quality.
- Cleaning staff will clean and disinfect all areas (e.g., offices, bathrooms, and common areas).
- If surfaces are dirty, they will be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- For disinfection, chemicals such as Oxivir, Virex and Virex plus will be used to kill germs on surfaces or objects. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.). Disinfection usually requires the product to remain on the surface for a certain period (e.g., letting it stand for 1 minute). After the duration time, surfaces will be wiped clean.
- Floors will be sanitized with the current dispensing ration, using Virex.
- For soft (porous) surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, visible contamination will be removed if present and cleaned, by vacuuming and extraction with appropriate cleaners. When needed, if the items can be removed, items will be laundered.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be routinely cleaned and disinfected. This may include cleaning objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops), as well as more frequent (three times daily based on usage) cleaning of restrooms and high traffic areas.
- When appropriate, the GenEon electrolyte mist sprayer will be used appropriately to disinfect hard, non-porous surfaces.

The updated CDC school guidance aligns with Community Levels for recommendations for testing and masking. Community level can help schools and local health departments, as well as individuals, make decisions.

COVID-19 Community Level	Prevention Strategy for <u>Masking</u>	Prevention Strategy for Testing
Low	Support those who choose to continue to mask	Ensure access to diagnostic testing for symptomatic persons and those exposed, and for continuity, schools may choose to continue to implement screening testing
Medium	Person who are immunocompromised, at high risk for severe disease or have household or social contacts at high risk for severe disease, should be encouraged to talk to	Ensure access to diagnostic testing for close contacts and those exposed, and for continuity, schools may choose to continue to use screening testing

	their healthcare providers about whether they need to wear a mask	
High	Universal masking indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status, should be promoted. Persons who are immunocompromised should be encouraged to wear a mask or respirator that provides greater protection.	Ensure access to diagnostic testing for close contacts and those exposed, and for continuity, schools may choose to continue to use screening testing

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if someone has emergency warning signs of COVID-19.

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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