

**East Aurora District 131**  
**2022-2023 Updated School Student Guidance**  
**Dr. Jennifer Norrell, Superintendent of Schools**

In keeping with our continued commitment to health and safety for all of our students and staff, please review the updated guidance below regarding COVID-19 procedures.

- All students will attend school in-person for 5 days per week.
- Beginning Quarter 2 (October 24, 2022), Parents/guardians will complete a quarterly self-certification form confirming their child will attend school unless their child is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, diarrhea or vomiting.
- Masking is optional for all students and staff.
- All district school buildings will implement procedures to maintain physical distance to the greatest extent possible.
- Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be provided a combination of synchronous and asynchronous assignments via Google Classroom and/or Swivls (cameras for streaming classroom instruction).
- Siblings are not required to isolate/quarantine and will attend school in-person.

**Glossary of Terms**

- **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.

*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.
- Students may return after day 5 if they have been fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication).
- Students also need to have improvement of symptoms with no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours.
- It is recommended to mask for an additional 5 days upon return to school.
- 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 are not required to quarantine and should attend school in-person.

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**B. Symptomatic Individual or Alternative Diagnosis**

- Students with a fever of 100.4 or sudden onset of diarrhea or vomiting will isolate until symptoms have improved/resolved.
- No COVID-19 test is required to return to school as long as symptoms are improving.
- **Siblings:** Same household siblings are not required to isolate and should attend school in-person.

\*\*Severely immunocompromised or severely ill students 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 buses between routes and nightly.
- Seating charts will be utilized on all bus routes.
- Masking on buses is optional for all students and staff based on the COVID-19 Community Level per IDPH guidance.

**SHIELD Illinois Testing**

- We will have SHIELD testing for 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.
- 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 are 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 <a href="#">Masking</a>  | Prevention Strategy for Testing  |
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| 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                   | Persons 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 their healthcare providers about whether they need to wear a mask | Ensure access to diagnostic testing for close contacts and those exposed, and for continuity, schools may choose to continue to use screening testing            |
| 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            |