

Current LPS COVID-19 Guidance Q & A

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If I am COVID-19 positive, who do I report that information to?

For students, please report this information to their school nurse.

For staff, please report this information to their supervisor.

Staff and students who have tested positive for COVID-19 must:

- Stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days from the date of their positive test or first symptoms, whichever is earlier. If the COVID-19 positive students/staff have no symptoms they may return to school on day 6 but will need to wear a mask on days 6-10.
- COVID-19 positive individuals must notify: The school nurse (if a student) or their supervisor (if LPS staff) to receive further instructions for a return date and symptom clearance.
- If a fever develops on day 5 or later or other symptoms persist, continue to stay home until the fever and/or other symptoms resolve. Please note that the use of fever/pain reducing medication to manage symptoms in order to return early is not allowed.

Do I have to quarantine if someone in my household is positive for COVID-19 or if I've been identified as a close contact elsewhere in the community?

People who are fully vaccinated within the last six months or fully vaccinated and boosted do not need to quarantine. Also, those who have had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days do not need to quarantine.

The CDC recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated within the last six months or who are not fully vaccinated and boosted be quarantined for five days and then wear a mask for another five days. If the covid positive person and close contact person cannot separate, the quarantine period would be 5 days plus an additional 5 days from last contact with covid positive person (10 days total). If symptoms develop, a test is recommended.

Please consult with the [CDC Recommendations](#) for people exposed to a covid positive person have been updated for more details pertaining to quarantine recommendations.

Will my student be excused from school because of COVID-19?

Student absences due to quarantine or isolation will be designated as COVID-19 related and thereby excused. Please continue to communicate student absences to the building attendance secretary.

Will LPS continue to provide Rapid COVID-19 Tests?

LPS will continue to provide the Covid-19 Self-Testing Kit for students and staff who have COVID-19 related symptoms: *A persistent cough, a new cough, a fever of 100 F or greater,*

chills, sore throat, difficulty breathing, congestion/runny nose, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, muscle or body aches, or any other concerning symptoms of a contagious illness. These tests can be obtained from the school nurse (if a student) and the supervisor (if staff).

Liberty Public Schools encourages all students and staff to consult with their personal physician for medical advice and guidance. Testing sites are available throughout the community and can be found by [clicking here](#).

How will I be notified of positive COVID-19 cases at my child's school?

As was the process in the fall semester, you will still be notified by email if there is a positive case in your child's school. Keep in mind that everyone should be monitoring for symptoms regardless of exposure and stay home when any symptoms of illness arise. Daily building-wide updates will resume Monday, January 10, 2022.

This semester an added layer of communication will include a notification to families if a COVID-19 positive individual was present in your child's classroom. This new automated system is expected to launch in a few weeks.

Is social distancing still a good mitigation measure to continue?

Social distancing is still a good measure for protection and helping curb the spread of illness during this cold, flu, and covid season. It's a good idea to continue to keep social distance as an active protective measure for the time being.

What happens when a student develops symptoms or is sent to school sick?

Students that are sent to school ill or develop symptoms of illness while at school will be sent home as soon as symptoms are discovered. As has been previously shared: *It is of utmost importance that all staff and students stay home whenever they have symptoms of any illness, regardless of whether it is COVID-19. This includes the following: A persistent cough, a new cough, a fever of 100 F or greater, chills, sore throat, difficulty breathing, congestion/ runny nose, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, muscle or body aches, or any other concerning symptoms of a contagious illness. LPS Health Services personnel cannot differentiate outwardly between COVID-19, the flu, or other contagious respiratory illnesses. Thus, anyone who has symptoms of illness must stay home and see a healthcare provider. We thank you in advance for partnering with us to keep our students and staff healthy.*

Will the COVID-19 dashboard continue to report positive cases?

Yes, the COVID-19 dashboard will continue to be utilized in tracking positive cases and can be found [here](#). The dashboard will be updated each Monday by 5 p.m. throughout the remainder of the school year and provide weekly district-wide COVID-19 case totals as well as a building-by-building summary of COVID-19 cases reported.