



Our COVID Response Team has been meeting with the Cincinnati Health Department and attending meetings with the Ohio Department of Health in response to the recommendations from the Center of Disease Control for shortened quarantine periods for those with a positive test result, and for those who have been exposed to COVID-19.

Recently, the CDC announced changes to its guidance surrounding isolation for individuals testing positive for COVID and quarantines for individuals identified as close contacts. [CDC guidance for quarantine and isolation.](#) ODH has also updated its [“Mask to Stay; Test to Play” guidance for schools.](#)

Under the new guidelines, the definition of fully vaccinated has been updated to include language around boosters and the time frame for quarantine and isolation has<sup>1</sup> been updated from 10 to 5 days for certain individuals. Under this new guidance, the following will be implemented at Cincinnati Public Schools:

## Fully Vaccinated (defined)

- Moderna/Pfizer — 2 weeks after the primary series
  - Boosters recommended 5 months from last dose
    - For Pfizer; 12 years of age and older must have a booster after 5 months
    - For Moderna; 18 years of age and older must have a booster after 5 months
- Johnson & Johnson — 2 weeks after the primary series
  - Boosters recommended 2 months from last dose
    - For J&J; 18 years of age and older must have a booster after 2 months
- [Stay Up to Date with Your Vaccines](#)
- [CDC announces boosters are available for individuals 12 years of age and older.](#)

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## What to do if you test positive for COVID (regardless of symptoms or vaccination status)

- Stay home for the next five days, regardless of [symptoms](#) or vaccination status, and follow isolation procedures.
- All Staff must report Positive test results to the COVID Hotline at 513-363-0527 or [ehshelpdesk@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:ehshelpdesk@cpsboe.k12.oh.us)
- All Student Positive results should be reported to your school nurse
- On day six, if you have been fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of medications and other symptoms are improving, you may return to school and must wear a mask.
- Do you have a fever or other symptoms that have started or gotten better by day 6?
  - Yes: Stay home for at least 5 days or until your fever is gone and other symptoms are better. Wear a mask.
  - No: You may return to school/work and wear a mask

## What to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19:

- You are considered a close contact
- All staff who are close contacts must report themselves to the COVID Hotline at 513-363-0527 or [ehshelpdesk@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:ehshelpdesk@cpsboe.k12.oh.us)
- **If you are a close contact in a school setting:**
  - You may continue to come to school/work with no symptoms
  - You must continue to wear a mask
  - Self-Monitor or parent monitor for any [symptoms of COVID-19](#)
  - Isolate and test if symptoms appear
  - If test positive follow “What to do if you test positive for COVID (regardless of symptoms or vaccination status)”
  - If you test negative and the test confirms your symptoms are not attributed to COVID-19, you may return to school/work
- **If you are a close contact outside the school setting:**



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- If you are fully vaccinated with no symptoms, you continue to come to school/work and must wear a mask
  - If symptoms appear, isolate at home until a negative test confirms your symptoms are not attributed to COVID-19
- If you are NOT fully vaccinated
  - Quarantine at home for a minimum of 5 days from the date of your last exposure
  - If you have symptoms: a negative COVID test on or near day five is required to return to school/work on day 6
  - If NO symptoms; you may return to school/work on day 6
- If you are symptomatic and choose not to test, then you must quarantine at home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms

\*\* At home proctored tests with confirmation email are acceptable

\*\* At home self tests that are unproctored are not acceptable to rule out COVID