

Dartmouth Public School Health Services

2022-2023

Dear Dartmouth Public Schools Community,

Welcome back Dartmouth Public School community! We know that these past two years have been filled with COVID guidance and protocols and we wanted to take the time to review what the current COVID-19 guidelines are heading back to school. The following points should be noted:

- Universal mask requirements are no longer in effect. However, masks are still required in the health offices.
- There is no contact tracing and students/staff may come to school as long as they are asymptomatic, even after an exposure. It is recommended that you test 5 days after an exposure and remain home if you begin to develop symptoms at any point after exposure.
- Test and stay programs are no longer in effect.
- Children and staff who test positive must isolate for at least 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, they may return to school/work after Day 5 and should wear a mask through Day 10. (If a person has a negative test on Day 5 or later, they do not need to wear a mask.)
- To count days for isolation, Day 0 remains the first day of symptoms or the day the positive test was taken, whichever is earlier.

Ultimately, the best thing that you can do to prevent the spread of illness is to wash your hands frequently and stay home when you are sick.

Please feel free to reach out to any of the school nurses if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful school year!

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