

Updated COVID Protocols

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has modified the recommended protocol for responding to and controlling the spread of COVID in public schools. These changes have been adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Public schools in Illinois continue to await specific guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education. Until those guidelines have been developed and distributed, the following is a summary of the information released by the CDC and the IDPH for public schools.

If you are a **CLOSE CONTACT** you are no longer required to be excluded if:

You are vaccinated (and boosted if over 18) and experience no symptoms, or

You had a confirmed case of COVID (via a viral test) within the last 90 days

If you are a **CLOSE CONTACT**, you must exclude from school if:

You are unvaccinated (or not boosted if over 18) even if you experience no symptoms, and should test on Day 5 after the exposure, if possible

If you test **POSITIVE** for **COVID** you must:

Exclude from school for 5 days after onset of symptoms, or 5 days from test date if no symptoms are present

Exclude and test if you develop symptoms and continue isolation until symptoms have improved (up to and including 10 days) and/or are fever-free for 24 hours

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