

Madrona School COVID-19 Health Policy

Vaccination

- All employees, volunteers and indoor contractors in educational settings are **required** to be fully vaccinated or have a medical or religious exemption per Governor's proclamation 21-14.3. Fully vaccinated means the first two shots. Boosters are not required.
- Children are not required to be vaccinated.

General Guidance

- Students, faculty, and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 are **required** to stay home and should get tested and/or see a health care provider and follow the return to work/care/school guidance accordingly.
- Symptoms:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Follow the DOH [What to do if a Person is Symptomatic](#) flowchart and [Isolation Protocol](#).

Isolation and Return

- A student, child, or staff who tests positive for COVID-19 is **required** to isolate at home or where they are currently residing, regardless of vaccination status. The individual may return after 5 full days of isolation if they are asymptomatic or their [symptoms](#) have improved **and** they have had no fever for the past 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- Day 0 is the first day of symptoms. For people without symptoms, day 0 is the day of the positive viral test. See [Isolation and Quarantine Calculator](#).
- Repeating initial tests does not change the isolation protocol; a positive test initiates the isolation protocol. Additionally, individuals who test positive using antigen or at-home tests towards the end of the full 5 days of isolation, and/or on days 6-10, are **required** to complete the 10 full days of isolation. Testing after day 10 is not recommended.

Madrona School's Procedures if symptoms of COVID-19 present themselves at school

- If a student or staff member develops signs of COVID-19:
 - We will separate the person away from others, with supervision at a distance of six feet, until the sick person can leave
 - While waiting to leave school, the individual with symptoms will wear a face mask
 - Madrona will air out and then clean and disinfect the areas where the person was after they leave.
- The person with symptoms should follow DOH guidance for what to do if you have symptoms for COVID-19 and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
 - Ask the employee or student's parent/caregiver to inform the school right away if the person is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Notification

- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the local health jurisdiction will advise:
- The school will notify parents of other children in the class/school that their child has potentially been exposed to symptoms of COVID 19

Close Contact

- DOH no longer requires exposed students, children, and staff to quarantine. To protect their school or child care community, students, children and staff, regardless of vaccination status, who are potentially exposed to COVID-19 should:
 - Monitor for [symptoms](#), AND
 - Test* as soon as possible after exposure and then repeat testing every 24-48 hours through at least the first 5 days after exposure AND
- Follow the [Symptom Decision Tree](#) flowchart.

*Individuals who have been recently infected (within the past 90 days), should use an antigen test, as PCR results may remain persistently positive even if there is not a new, active infection.

Household Exposure

- Household exposures often result in prolonged and repeated contact with positive individuals. When possible, a student, child, or staff member, who is continuously exposed at home, regardless of vaccination status, is recommended to test every 24-48 hours until 5 days after the last positive household member's isolation has ended.

Tests

- Madrona School has both PCR and Rapid-Antigen tests available. Please contact the school office to arrange for a test.

Face Coverings

- Masks are optional, both indoors and out. If your child wears a mask to school we will support them in continuing to wear it through the day. We will work with the students to ensure that everyone understands and accepts that each family is responsible for their own choices.