

COVID-19 Update 03-14-22

Drop Off and Pick Up

Parents and guardians are welcome to enter the classroom to pick up and drop off children and gather belongings at your child's cubby. To minimize exposure for other children in the classroom, we ask that parents do not linger longer than necessary to communicate with the teacher and gather belongings. We highly recommend parents who are ill coordinate another individual to drop off and pick up. If you cannot, and have not had a known COVID-19 exposure, please wear a mask at pick up and drop off.

Face Coverings

As a general rule face coverings will not be required for staff and students [as long as the community transmission rates remain low to moderate as determined by the CDC](#). In certain instances, such as after a COVID exposure, face coverings may be required. Staff and students who would like to continue wear a face covering are welcome to do so. We will encourage a welcoming environment for all.

Exclusion Criteria

We ask that if your child is displaying signs of any infectious illness that you keep them home until they are feeling better. The most common COVID-19 symptoms for children are fever and cough. However, children are less likely than adults to present with a fever, and are more likely to have mild or even sub-clinical infection. **Your child should remain home until COVID-19 can be ruled out with a COVID-19 PCR or rapid antigen test.**

COVID-19 testing is available at Lakeland's Little Learners while supplies last. Otherwise a plan of care should be coordinated with your primary healthcare provider.

Children should stay home if they have experienced one the following symptoms above their baseline within the last 24 hours:

- Cough
- Fever (measured or subjective), or chills
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of smell or taste
- New confusion
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips or nail beds, depending on skin tone
- Inability to wake or stay awake

OR at least two of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours:

- Myalgia (muscle aches)
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

These symptom criteria apply to COVID-19-related exclusion. Other symptoms may also require exclusion for a different communicable disease. Generally, children with fever, diarrhea, or vomiting alone should stay home for at least 24 hours, even if it is unrelated to COVID-19 infection.

Return to School Criteria

Staff and Students who test negative and have symptoms:

- The symptomatic student or staff member may return to school as long as they have been fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications with other symptom improvement for at least 24 hours.
- Staff are required to wear a face-covering until symptoms have resolved. We highly recommend children 2 and up to wear a face-covering until symptoms have resolved as well.
- If diagnosed with another condition, the individual must complete the exclusion period for the diagnosed disease as listed on the [Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Diseases Wall Chart](#).

Staff and Students who do not test, but meet the symptom criteria:

- The individual must remain home for at least 5 days since the first symptoms began (symptom onset being day 0) AND wear a well-fitting mask through day 10 after symptoms began AND be fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications for 24 hours AND with improvement of symptoms.
- Without proper mask usage, the individual should remain home for 10 days after symptom onset.

Positive COVID-19 Test

- Isolate at home for at least 5 days (symptom onset being day 0 OR specimen collection date being day 0 for those that do not develop symptoms).
- Continue to wear a well-fitting mask through day 10.
- If unable to wear a mask when around others, the individual should continue to isolate at home for 10 days.
- If a person develops symptoms after testing positive, the 5-day isolation period should start over (symptom onset being day 0).

*Adults and children who had a confirmed or antigen probable case of COVID-19 within the previous 90 days and subsequently recovered and remain without COVID-19 symptoms do not need to get tested.

Close Contact to COVID-19 in School

- Students who remain asymptomatic may implement a modified Test to Stay program where rapid antigen tests are used at least twice weekly after an exposure, allowing the student to remain in care. The testing timetable will be coordinated with the school nurse.
- Students who develop symptoms after an exposure must stay home and follow the criteria for ill children.

Close Contact to COVID-19 Outside of School

- **Fully Vaccinated** individuals may continue attending school, but must wear a mask around others for 10 days. A test on Day 5 is required. If symptoms develop follow the indications for COVID-19 symptoms.
- **Unvaccinated** or those 18 or older and have completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted OR have completed the

primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted - must quarantine for 5 days. If no symptoms develop after 5 days, and the individual tests negative on day 5, the individual may return to school on day 6. A mask must be worn through day 10. If symptoms develop follow the indications for COVID-19 symptoms.

- **If the close contact is within the home:**

- And the positive individual **can isolate** (Isolation = seclusion from all members of the household, separate eating space, separate bathroom use, masking in the home, etc.)
 - the unvaccinated student will be quarantined in the home for 5 days from the last day of contact with the positive individual. If symptom free and a negative test on day 5 is completed, the student may return to school on day 6 and wear a mask through day 10.
 - the fully vaccinated student can remain in school. A test on day 5 is required.
- And the positive individual **cannot isolate**, the student will be quarantined in the home for 5 days after the positive individual's 5 day isolation ends. The student can return to school on the 6th day with a negative test and a mask must be worn through day 10.

If you are unable to wear a mask around others you must quarantine/isolate for the full exposure period of 10 days.