

WHITEHALL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Update: COVID Quarantine and Isolation

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MY FAMILY USED AN “AT HOME” TEST KIT AND MY STUDENT TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- Please contact the school nurse and inform her of the positive test result. ● The student must be excluded from school and the positive test(s) must be self-reported by clicking the following link: <https://hipaa.jotform.com/220053184973051>

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for a minimum of five (5) days, regardless of vaccination status. If symptoms are resolving after five (5) days, the student is allowed to attend school. If symptoms persist, further isolation will be required.

I [or my student] HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A COVID POSITIVE INDIVIDUAL, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Contact tracing and case investigations are following the state's newest guidelines. Please read the NYS Contact Tracing & Case Investigation FAQs here for further instruction:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/contact-tracing-frequently-asked-questions>

HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD HAS BEEN EXPOSED AT SCHOOL? The district will continue to notify direct contacts of a COVID-positive case.

MY STUDENT IS NOT VACCINATED AND WAS EXPOSED TO A COVID POSITIVE INDIVIDUAL, ARE THEY ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL?

Unvaccinated students who are a direct contact COVID-positive individual from a school-based exposure are allowed to continue to attend school so long as they are asymptomatic and participate in the district's Test to Stay program.

I AM EXPERIENCING COVID-LIKE SYMPTOMS, HOW SHOULD I PROCEED?

Students who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, regardless of their vaccination status, must be excluded from attending school. Students may return to school under one of the following conditions:

- The student receives an alternate medical diagnosis from their Primary Care Physician,
or
- The student receives a negative PCR test;
or

- The student receives two negative “At Home” rapid tests within 36 hours.
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MY STUDENT WAS COVID POSITIVE AND HAS COMPLETED THEIR REQUIRED PERIOD OF ISOLATION/QUARANTINE, HOW DO THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL?

If the period of isolation or quarantine has expired, you may obtain your attestation forms by clicking this link: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/new-york-state-contact-tracing>

Any questions regarding this information can be forwarded to Superintendent Dee or the school nurse.