



Akron Central School District

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Dear Akron Central School District Community,

On January 7, 2022, the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) confirmed that it will adhere to the recently revised New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Isolation and Quarantine Guidance. This revised guidance will shorten the isolation/quarantine period from 10 days to 5 days in some cases. [The full NYSDOH Guidance can be found by clicking this link.](#) Our school nurses will work with families to address individual circumstances that may arise.

Please note that isolation occurs when an individual tests positive for COVID. Quarantine occurs when an individual has been identified as a close contact with a person testing positive for COVID.

A summary of the Guidance can be found below:

If you test POSITIVE for COVID-19 (vaccinated or unvaccinated) = ISOLATION

- Stay home for **5 days**.
- DAY 0 is the day of the positive test or onset of symptoms
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house and return to work on day 6.
- If symptomatic - must be fever-free for 24 hours with symptoms improving
- Must wear a well-fitted mask for an additional 5 days
- Individuals who cannot wear a well-fitted mask must remain in isolation for the full 10 days.
- Immunocompromised must isolate for the full 10 days
- If symptoms develop during the 5-day isolation period, please remain in isolation and secure a negative PCR test to return to school earlier than day 10.

If you are CLOSE CONTACT of a positive case = QUARANTINE

- NOTE - Fully vaccinated (including booster) if eligible **do not** quarantine
 - Booster must be 2 weeks before the first date of exposure
 - Should still wear a mask for 10 days post-exposure
 - Test on day 5 is suggested but not required
- Not Fully vaccinated **must** quarantine for 5 days from the last date of close contact exposure to the positive case
 - The last day of exposure is day 0
 - Must mask for an additional 5 days
 - Test on day 5 is suggested
- If Symptoms start during quarantine
 - Isolate and seek testing
 - Quarantine may end if the test is negative
 - If positive, isolation would occur as noted above
 - If testing is not done, isolate according to the guidance

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through the changes to the COVID-19 guidelines.

Sincerely,
Patrick D. McCabe