

SALEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NYS ED COVID GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



The information below is based on the August 11, 2022, Center for Disease Control and Prevention “Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning” and the guidance issued on August 22, 2022, from the New York Department of Health and the New York State Education Department .

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MASKING

- Masks and face coverings are optional, and we continue to respect the decisions by students and staff on whether they choose to wear a mask or not.
- The NYS Department of Health recommends that individuals should wear a mask during days 6-10 after testing positive for COVID-19.

CONTACT TRACING

- School districts are no longer required to conduct contact tracing or report positive COVID-19 test results on a daily basis to the NYS Department of Health.
- The district will still notify families of potential exposures so they can make informed health decisions.

QUARANTINE / ISOLATION

- Quarantines are no longer required for close contacts. Please continue to monitor your child for COVID-19 symptoms and have them stay home when sick.
- Isolation after testing positive for COVID-19 is still in place. The isolation period may vary based on COVID-19 symptoms.
 - ***Symptomatic individuals who test positive should isolate for 5 days from the date of symptom onset (Day 0)*** with day 1 being the first full day after symptoms developed, and not use the day of the test administration; whereas ***asymptomatic individuals who test positive use the day they tested as day 0***, and not the day that results are received.
 - The NYS Department of Health recommends that individuals should wear a mask during days 6-10 after testing positive for COVID-19.
 - Please continue to report any positive cases so we can help your family navigate the absence and help your child to continue their learning.

SCREENING / TESTING

- Unvaccinated faculty and staff are no longer required to be screened.
- COVID Test Kits are available for students, faculty, and staff. Families who would like to receive a test should contact the Elementary, High School Office or Nurse Braymer.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING/COHORTING

- Physical distancing and cohorting are no longer recommended, so student activities and groupings will return to their pre-pandemic norms.

SYMPTOMATIC STUDENTS

- Symptomatic students will be sent home and should not return to school until their symptoms resolve.
- COVID testing is recommended, but not required to return to school.