

COVID Guidelines 2022-2023 School Year

District 202 will continue to promote a healthy school environment to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 including proper cleaning and disinfection, reinforcing proper hand and respiratory hygiene, and encouraging routine vaccinations. District 202 will continue to follow the IDPH exclusion recommendations for individuals who are positive for COVID-19.

- Optional masking
- Improved ventilation
- Offering SHIELD COVID testing

Contact Tracing will only be conducted if there is an outbreak of COVID-19 in a classroom, activity, or sport.

Exclusion Guidelines

<p><u>Positive for COVID-19 – Unvaccinated and Vaccinated</u></p>	<p>Exclude from school for a minimum of 5 days. Families must complete the Student Contact Tracing Form. Students will have the opportunity to access school work during their exclusion.</p> <p>Individuals may return on day 6 if they mask indoors for the full 10 days. It is recommended that individuals stay home if they continue to be sick on day 6 or after. Refer to Sick Individuals below.</p> <p>Individuals who have two negative COVID antigen tests on day 6 and 8, may discontinue masking after the second negative test. Families must complete a form with the school in order to discontinue masking prior to day 10.</p> <p>Refer to the IDPH COVID-19 Decision Tree for Additional Information.</p>	
<p><u>Sick Individuals</u></p>	<p>Individuals who are sick should stay home until symptoms have improved. The district recommends that students and staff stay home until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their symptoms improve • fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours, • diarrhea/vomiting have ceased for 24 hours <p>Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms are highly encouraged to get tested for COVID-19. District 202 will offer free over the counter COVID-19 home tests to families of students with COVID-19 symptoms. *when supplies are available*</p>	
<p><u>COVID-19-Like Symptoms:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fever (a temperature greater than 100.4 F/38 C) • cough • shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • chills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fatigue • muscle and body aches • headache • sore throat • new loss of taste or smell • vomiting, or diarrhea
<p><u>Close Contact</u></p>	<p>Close contacts are individuals who are less than 6 feet from the individual with COVID-19 for a cumulative 15 minutes.</p> <p>Close contacts are not required to be excluded unless ordered by the Health Department.</p> <p>CDC and IDPH strongly recommend that close contacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a mask for 10 days following the date of exposure • Test on day 6 or later. 	