



# Jackson Public Schools

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Good afternoon Vikings,

Thank you everyone for a great start to our school year. Cold temperatures are certainly reminding us that winter is definitely upon us. Please make sure your students come to school prepared for the weather.

We have some information regarding new COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines that we have received from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Jackson County Health Department (JCHD). These new guidelines now call for schools to follow the Five (5) day Quarantine Protocols previously introduced for community members outside of the school setting.

Beginning **Tuesday, January 18, 2022**, the following COVID-19 Quarantine Protocols will be followed by all JPS staff and students. Please read carefully as there are some significant changes to how quarantines for both positive and close contacts will be administered. Keep in mind that the JPS Mask Mandate will remain in effect until further notice.

### **POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS:**

- **Positive COVID-19 Cases are required to quarantine with the following guidelines:**
  - Quarantine for five days and monitor for symptoms from the day of symptom/s onset. If symptoms have improved or you continue to have no symptoms, return to school on the sixth day from positive test/symptoms while wearing a well-fitted mask.
  - If symptoms **develop**, get tested and quarantine for five additional days or until symptom-free. You may return to school on the sixth day from positive test/symptoms while wearing a well-fitted mask.

### **CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE - VACCINATED OR HAVE HAD COVID-19 IN THE LAST 90 DAYS:**

- **Close contacts of a COVID-19 case DO NOT need to quarantine at home if:**
  - You have had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days, AND/OR are up to date on all recommended COVID-19 vaccines. Masks must be worn upon return to school.

**CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE - NOT VACCINATED OR HAVEN'T HAD COVID-19 IN THE LAST 90 DAYS**

- **Close contacts of a COVID-19 case who ARE NOT VACCINATED or have not had COVID-19 IN THE LAST 90 DAYS have the option to quarantine for five days.**
  - **If you choose to quarantine you must let your school principal or supervisor know you are choosing to take the 5-day quarantine. Masks must be worn upon return to school.**

We understand that some students and staff are currently out on a 10-day quarantine, please remain in quarantine for your full 10 days. Again, these new protocols will begin on **Tuesday, January 18, 2022.** If you have any questions please contact your school principal or supervisor. We appreciate your ongoing support of our school during COVID-19.

Sincerely,



Jeff Beal  
JPS Superintendent

