



September 14, 2022

Dear Farmingdale Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! As per the new CDC and NJDOE/NJDOH guidelines, our district physician and school have adopted the follow COVID protocols:

- Contact tracing and positive case notification are no longer required in the school setting, and, therefore, will be discontinued unless directed by the Department of Health for a community outbreak. Individuals who are positive are recommended to notify any close contacts on their own.
- Quarantine is no longer required, regardless of vaccination status; it is recommended that at any time an individual experiences Covid-like symptoms you self-test and isolate if results are positive.

Confirmed Positive COVID Isolation Procedures

Confirmed Positive COVID **with** symptoms

1. The individual must isolate for at least 5 full days.
 - a. Day 0 is the day symptoms started.
 - b. The individual may return to school on Day 6 and must be fever free without fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours and symptoms must be improving.
 - c. It is recommended that the individual wear a mask when around others both at home and public for an additional 5 days (day 6-10). Time without a mask being worn should be kept to a minimum.

Confirmed Positive COVID **without** symptoms

1. The individual must isolate for at least 5 full days.
 - a. Day 0 is the day of the test specimen collection.
 - b. The individual may return to school on Day 6.
 - c. It is recommended that the individual wear a mask when around others both at home and public for an additional 5 days (day 6-10). Time without a mask being worn should be kept to a minimum.

Student Attendance Policy:

- When a student is absent, please follow normal attendance protocols, including reporting the absence to the main office.
- If a symptomatic student needs to isolate for more than 5 days, a doctor's note is needed in order to excuse the additional absences.

Missed Work for Students:

- A remote/virtual option of synchronous instruction due to absences related to COVID will no longer be available.
- Per District Policy 5200 - Attendance, "Students that are absent from school for any reason are responsible for the completion of assignments missed because of their absence."
- The parent/guardian who anticipates that an absence will be prolonged shall notify the teacher/school office to arrange make-up work. Teachers will provide make-up assignments, as necessary. The teacher can coordinate having assignments picked up by the parent/guardian from the school office or the assignments can be provided through email or Google Classroom.
- Students will be allowed a reasonable amount of time to complete assignments once they return to school.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us to keep all students and staff safe and healthy. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at any time.

In education,

Dr. Edith Conroy
Superintendent

Mrs. Katy Kokolus, RN, BSN, CSN
School Nurse