

**We will return to mask-wearing under the following circumstances:**

- If there are 2 or more newly diagnosed students in a class **or** a cohort has a **10%** new infection rate in a week, masks will be mandatory for that cohort for 10 calendar days (the quarantine period).
- If the building infection rate is at 3% or higher at the end of any single week (reviewed on Fridays) masks will be mandatory for 10 calendar days.
- If the building absenteeism rate is at 8% or higher at the end of any single week (reviewed on Fridays) masks will be mandatory for 10 calendar days.
- Masks will be required for 10 calendar days after an extended school break (5+ school days) where travel is likely (Thanksgiving, Winter or Spring Breaks)

**Masks will continue to be required in the following settings:**

- During music class if they are singing.
- In spaces where cohorts will be mixed for longer than 15 minutes (i.e. Upper Room, after-school activities, academic support) EXCEPT in outdoor spaces.
- Athletes will continue to mask if they are indoors and not actively playing.
- On the school bus and on all field trips.
- For all substitutes, volunteers, or visitors.

**The protocols regarding students returning to school after an isolation period or quarantine will remain the same:**

- If a child is returning to school after a 5-day isolation period and negative antigen test, they will be required to mask at all times and eat in a separate space until after their 10th day of isolation.
- If a child is returning to school after a 5-day quarantine, they will be required to mask until after the 10th day after their exposure.

**How will this affect quarantine determinations?**

- The nursing staff will continue to contact trace around positive cases. Families will be contacted if their child is determined to be a close contact and instructions will be given at that time.
  - Individuals who have completed their initial vaccine series more than 14 days prior to their exposure will not be asked to quarantine.
    - Please [upload your child's vaccination card here](#) if you have not already, or if you have an update to document such as a booster shot for our students who are 12 or over.
  - Individuals who have a documented COVID diagnosis within 90 days from their exposure will not be asked to quarantine.