

## Covid-19 Guidance Effective January 10th, 2022

- **If a close contact was positive within 90 days- no isolation is required.**
- **If a close contact student, age 5-17, is vaccinated (with or without booster)- No isolation.**
- **Close contact adults and students age 18 and over are vaccinated with, or not eligible for, booster- No isolation.**
- **Close contact adults and students who are unvaccinated- Isolate for at least 5 days.**
- **Close contact adults and students age 18 and over who are vaccinated without booster- Isolate for at least 5 days.**
- **Positive adults and students age 5 and over- Isolate for at least 5 days.**
- **Day 0 is the date symptoms started (if no symptoms, the test date is used) or the date of the last contact with the positive case + 5 full days, released on day 6.**
- **Prek still follows the previous rules and timeline for isolation (10+ days or use the test to stay guidelines).**

The [CDC](#) Illinois Department of Public Health, and Illinois State Board of Education announced that the agencies have adopted CDC guidance for schools that cuts the isolation period in half.

As a result, effective immediately, Mt. Zion School District will allow our employees and students to follow the updated guidance. We will contact staff, students, and families who are currently impacted by a quarantine with a revised return to school option. However, feel free to contact your building principal or school nurse if you have questions concerning how these new rules may affect your individual situation. Employees and students have the option to stay isolated if they feel it's needed, and it's required if they have symptoms that are not improving.

Close contacts can test on days 1, 3, and 5 to stay in school under certain circumstances (no symptoms and they had masks covering mouth and nose during close contact).

Nothing in the new rules changes the state of Illinois' mask requirement for anyone inside school buildings. The Governor's indoor mask mandate for school is still in effect until further notice.

Thank you for supporting our faculty and staff. It's been an incredibly difficult year, but we are moving forward together. We will review all new guidance released and communicate any changes or updates to everyone.