



The Department of Health (DOH) provided updated guidance for PreK and K-12 schools on 8/5/2022. Below is a summary of the protocol that will be in place as teachers, staff, and students return to school. The full document from the DOH can be found [here](#).

The school continues to communicate with Public Health – Seattle & King County and will adhere to their guidance for PreK-12 schools. Currently, King County is at a low transmission level. The school continues to employ multiple mitigation strategies keeping in mind student and staff safety. Please communicate with the [COVID Response Team](#) should you require more information.

Masking

- Masking will be optional for students, staff, and volunteers
- While masks are not required, there will be situations when the use of a well-fitting mask will be temporarily recommended (please have your student keep a mask in their backpack)
- If your student shows signs of illness during the school day, we will have them put on a mask before being sent home
- Masking and/or testing may be required for a period of time if there is a cluster of cases in a classroom/cohort

Isolation of Positive COVID Cases

- An individual who tests positive for COVID-19 is required to isolate at home for 5 full days (Day 0 is the date that symptoms started or the date of positive test)
- A student may return after 5 days of isolation if they have been fever free for 24 hours and symptoms are mostly resolved. Students are required to wear a well-fitting, high-quality mask (KN95) during days 6-10.

Reporting COVID-19 Cases and Outbreaks

- The school will continue to update the [COVID Data Dashboard](#) with information about COVID cases in real-time
- The DOH defines a suspected COVID outbreak as at least 3 cases within a specified core group
- A suspected outbreak must be reported to Public Health, and additional measures such as temporary masking and/or testing may be required

Staying Home When Sick and COVID Testing

- Students who show any signs of illness are required to stay home and should be tested for COVID-19. **Report any absence to the school.**
- Rapid test kits will continue to be available to students and staff