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Parental Notice Kearny Public Schools Covid Guidelines 2023-2024

Based on current community transmission levels and most recent recommendations by local and state health authorities, the Kearny School District will be implementing the following protocols for the management of Covid for the start of the 2023-24 school year. *All procedures are subject to change based on community transmission levels, updated recommendations by local and state health authorities, individual circumstances and/or ongoing updates and guidance.*

1. Masking is optional, with the exception of: students returning to school after a positive diagnosis (days 6-10); students exhibiting Covid-like illness while awaiting pick up; or other situations at the discretion of the district due to health concerns.
2. Positive student cases, confirmed with a laboratory based test will be subject to a 5 day isolation period. Laboratory based tests (antigen or PCR) may be obtained at local pharmacies such as Walgreens or CVS, your private doctor, medi-centers such as AFC Urgent Care, or local mobile vans, etc. A note signed and stamped from your doctor indicating a positive result is also accepted. **HOME TEST KIT RESULTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.** Students may return days 6-10 after the onset of illness and mask consistently throughout the school day with the exception of eating or drinking. Students must be fever free and without moderate to severe symptoms, including persistent cough. In the event a student cannot consistently mask, they will be required to remain home in order to complete the 10 day isolation period.
3. **POSITIVE CASES:** Excused absences will be assigned for days 1-5 of illness with the submission of a positive laboratory based test or a doctor's note indicating positive illness. Q School for positive student cases is currently suspended as COVID is no longer in the pandemic stage at this time.
4. **CLOSE CONTACTS:** All non-symptomatic close contacts will self-monitor for symptom development for 10 days. If you develop Covid-like symptoms during this time period, you will need to test immediately with a laboratory based test and contact your school nurse. Non-symptomatic close contacts should continue to attend school.
5. Please monitor your child for signs and symptoms of illness. **PLEASE KEEP ALL SICK CHILDREN HOME.** Consult your doctor for evaluation and/or have a laboratory based Covid test completed if applicable.
6. All sick students with Covid-like or other general illness will be required to be picked up from school in a timely manner as per the Parental Responsibility Statute and the Nurse will provide guidance for your situation at that time.

Sincerely,

Flora Encarnacao, Superintendent of Schools