

**City Charter High School
COVID-19 Guidelines - Families**

**TEST-TO-STAY OPTION for STUDENTS WHO ARE A CLOSE CONTACT with SOMEONE
who TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

Vaccinated Students

- ❖ If students are fully vaccinated and do not have any symptoms of COVID-19 you do not need to quarantine. You are to continue wearing a mask for at least 10 days following the exposure.
- ❖ If a fully vaccinated student is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they can be tested by the School Nurse. If the student/family refuses to take the test at school, the student must go home and quarantine for 5 days** or until they get a negative PCR test result.

Unvaccinated Students

- ❖ Students can be tested by the School Nurse. If the results are negative, a student can stay in school.
- ❖ If the student/family refuses to take the test at school, the student must go home and quarantine for 5 days** or until they get a negative PCR test result.
- ❖ Students are required to wear a mask for at least 10 days following the exposure.

STUDENTS WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19:

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, parents/guardians must:

- Notify Grade-Level principal and/or Dr. Allen by phone or email on the day that they receive the results. Provide results and identify all close contacts.
- Remain home until *all* of the following are true:
 - At least 5 days have passed since the onset of symptoms and/or test date AND
 - Fever free without taking anti-fever medications within 24 hours prior to the return to school
 - Symptoms are improving or no longer present.
 - **Note: Upon returning to school, the student must wear a mask for 5 additional days.**

SIBLINGS: Vaccinated siblings- If a sibling is not exhibiting symptoms, they will be permitted to attend school in person. Unvaccinated siblings- Please follow the guidelines above for close contacts.

RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS:

When tested and determined to be COVID-19 negative, the student will remain home until:

- They have proof of their negative test result unless the student exhibits symptoms that are not improving. If a close contact, the student must meet close contact guidelines based on their vaccination status.

When symptomatic, but COVID-19 testing was not completed, the student will remain home until all of the following are true:

- Remain home until *all* of the following are true:
 - at least 5 days, **UNEXCUSED**, since the onset of symptoms and/or test date AND
 - 24 hours have passed since ALL symptoms have resolved.
- **If this is NOT your first time reporting COVID symptoms**, you must get tested or provide a doctor's note for the absences to be excused.

MASK OPTIONAL:

- Mask wearing will not be mandatory as long as Allegheny County remains in the low transmission range for COVID-19.
- Masks will be mandatory if the Allegheny County transmission rate reaches the moderate range.
- The policy allows and encourages continued mask-wearing but does not require it except in certain circumstances. Extra masks will continue to be available in school.

****--These 5 days will not be excused unless a student returns with a PCR test result.**