



## Weekly Covid Update-1/5/2022

\*Please review entire document for updates and changes.

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### Criteria for School Closures

- Percent positivity reaches 3% over a 10-day period.
  - We will determine percent positivity based on positive cases that may have affected students while at school.
- Staff absences due to Covid cause an inability to safely and effectively continue in-person learning.
- Kenosha County Health Department directs the closure of a campus.

*SJCA is following the KUSD threshold criteria for determining the need for school closures.*

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### Current Percent Positivity Rates as of 1/5/2022

These positive cases occurred over Winter Break, and currently there are no cases reported that may have affected students since returning to school.

- **Upper Campus-2.2%**
  - **Number of quarantined individuals-12**
- **Lower Campus-2%**
  - **Number of quarantined individuals-27**

A classroom will switch to virtual learning for two weeks if there are two or more positive cases, potentially related to school transmission. The close-contact definition for schools is different than in the community setting. In addition to students consistently wearing well-fitting masks, the distance for close-contact while in school is reduced from 6 feet, to 3 feet for students.

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### Covid Testing

- **For anyone having potential symptoms of Covid:**
  - Take a test as soon as possible. If an at-home or rapid test is negative, additional at-home or rapid tests should be done before school for 3 additional days, or until symptoms resolve. A single negative PCR result is sufficient.  
**Why?** Omicron has a lower initial viral load as compared to Delta, therefore it may not register positive on an at-home or rapid test right away. However, PCR testing is able to detect the virus at all stages of infection, not just when the viral load is at its highest point.
- **For anyone who had close contact with someone who tested positive:**
  - If no symptoms are present, it is important to schedule PCR testing to be done as soon as 5 days after last contact with the person.

- If symptoms are present or develop, take a test as soon as possible, and follow the guidelines as listed above.
  - A positive at-home test does not need to be confirmed with additional testing, just notify the school, and the health department of the positive result for further guidance.
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## Covid Protocol

The Kenosha County Health Department advised us to continue with our current guidelines we have been using. They are working with the state and other local health departments at providing clarification, hopefully by the end of this week.

### Isolation guidelines:

If someone tests positive or is highly suspected of having Covid, they will quarantine for 10 days.

- **Same for vaccinated and unvaccinated.**
- **To isolate, the positive individual(s) must have a separate bedroom, bathroom, and dining space from the rest of the household.**

### Quarantine guidelines:

If someone had close contact to someone who has tested positive (less than 6 feet away for at least 15 minutes in a 24 hour period), they should monitor for symptoms for 14 days from last contact, and follow quarantine guidelines as detailed below.

- **If vaccinated** (mRNA shot less than 6 months ago, or J&J less than 2 months ago, or boosted) and not having symptoms, they can take a rapid test and return if negative. They should retest or schedule PCR testing as soon as 5 days after last contact to confirm they are still negative, but may remain in school.
- **If unvaccinated**, or outside of requirements to be considered vaccinated as listed above, and not having symptoms, they must quarantine for 5 days from date of last contact, and have PCR testing as soon as 5 days after last contact, and may return once they have a negative result. If unable to schedule PCR testing, they will quarantine for 10 days.
- **If a positive individual is unable to isolate as defined above**, quarantine will begin for close contacts after the positive individual's ends.
- **If symptoms are present or develop**, follow the guidelines as listed above in the Covid Testing portion.

### School absence guidelines:

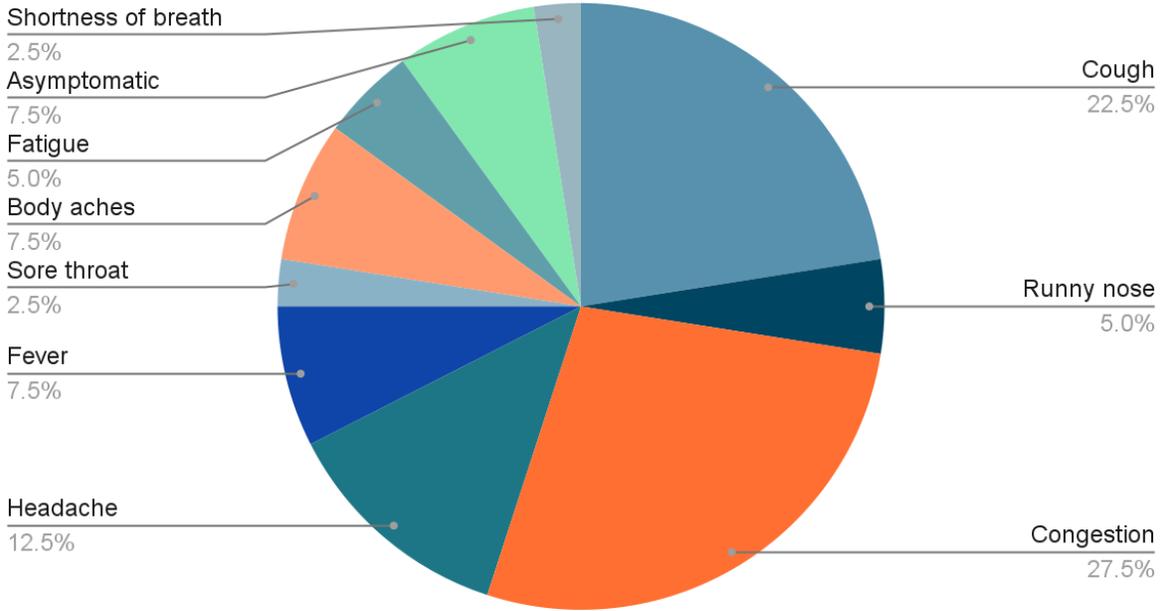
Students need to be kept home from school if they are being tested for Covid, until they have a negative result. Also, students should be kept home from school if someone in their household is being tested for Covid, or waiting for results.

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## Reported Covid symptoms

Below is a chart updated with the Covid symptoms reported over the past 10 days at our schools. The aim is to promote awareness of what symptoms are currently most prevalent. **Congestion and cough are the most reported symptoms, along with headache.**

# Reported Covid Symptoms



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Below are links to CDC websites regarding their new guidelines. As you can see, the most recent document, and the document it cites that is specific for K-12 schools, conflict each other. The health department is working with the state and other health departments on clarification.

Please use the Covid Screening Tool if your child is sick, to determine if they should be tested before coming to school.

[CDC Covid Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines](#)

[CDC Covid Quarantine K-12 School Guidelines](#)

[At-Home Covid Screening Tool](#)

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