



Updated COVID-19 Protocols

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After reviewing the CDC guidelines for quarantine and isolation, and evaluating the Covid protocols being used by other schools in the community, SJCA has updated our Covid protocols as detailed below.

Positivity Threshold Criteria

SJCA's criteria to determine when there may be a switch to virtual learning.

For Upper Campus

- A grade level may switch to virtual learning for at least 5 days if positivity reaches 25% (includes only those individuals that may have been contagious while at school).
- Notification will be sent out if a grade level is nearing the 25% threshold.

For Lower Campus

- A classroom may switch to virtual learning for at least 5 days if positivity reaches 25% (includes only those individuals that may have been contagious while at school).
- Notification will be sent out if a class is nearing the 25% threshold.

Testing Recommendations

When and what kind of testing is recommended if having potential symptoms of Covid.

- If using at-home or rapid testing, it is most effective to take the tests daily, for 2-3 days.
- If using PCR testing, results may take 24-48 hours, but it is considered more accurate than at-home and rapid testing.
- If no testing is utilized, students and staff may return to school after 48 hours, if they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without taking fever-reducing medications), and do not have a productive cough.

Isolation Guidelines

Returning to school after testing positive for Covid.

- Asymptomatic students and staff may return to school after 5 days of isolation. Continue to monitor for symptoms for 10 days from the date of testing. If symptoms develop, isolation will be determined using the date of symptom onset.
- Symptomatic students and staff may return to school after 5 days of isolation, if they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without taking fever-reducing medications), and do not have a productive cough.

Quarantine Guidelines

Returning to school after a household or community close-contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid.

- Students and staff up-to-date with vaccination may return to school immediately, if not having symptoms potentially related to Covid.
- Students and staff not up-to-date with vaccination may return to school after 5 days of quarantine, from the date of last contact.
- Continue to monitor for symptoms for 10 days from the date of last contact.

- If symptoms develop, isolate and seek out testing.
- If a positive household contact is unable to isolate, the quarantine for any close-contacts will begin when the positive individual's isolation ends (after day 5).
- While it is recommended to test 5 days after the date of last contact to rule out asymptomatic infection, this will not be required to return to school.

Please review the below link for close-contact and up-to-date vaccination definitions, detailed quarantine and isolation information, and more.

**CDC Quarantine and Isolation
Information**

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