



# 2021-2022 OASD COVID-19 PLAN & ILLNESS GUIDELINES

We strongly encourage you to monitor your child's health continually. It is important to be mindful of any illness symptoms that your child may have BEFORE sending them to school. We need your help to keep our schools healthy and our students attending school all year. Please support our efforts by:

- Keeping children who are ill at home.
- Reporting absences due to COVID-19 symptoms.
- Reporting absences due to a positive COVID-19 test.
- Following any isolation or quarantine protocols provided by your child's health care provider.

## FLEXIBILITY OF MITIGATION MEASURES

The District will monitor COVID-19 cases among staff and students and if the number of positive cases increases within a specific classroom, school, or district-wide, additional mitigation measures will be implemented where and when needed. Our goal is to keep kids healthy and in school. These additional mitigation measures may include, but are not limited to, masking, cohort groups, and changes to quarantine procedures.

## INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

- The OASD will start the school year with face-to-face learning, five days a week, in school buildings.
- Athletics, clubs, and extracurricular activities will be fully available at all schools.
- Special events, concerts, musical theater, and field trips will all be offered this year.

## PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Schools will return to their standard practices for specials and explore classes, but will plan as much physical distancing as possible within those classes.
- Schools will slightly modify lunch schedules and seating to allow more physical distancing.
- Students in the younger grade levels will continue to use individual supplies and limit the sharing of materials.

## MASKING

- Face masks are recommended for students, staff, and guests.
- Face masks will be required when riding school buses or school vans because of the federal mask mandate for public transportation.
- During field trips, transportation for athletics or transportation for other school activities, adults and students will be required to wear a mask on the bus or van.

## VISITORS

- Visitors will be allowed inside our schools with prior permission from a Principal or staff member.
- Volunteers are required to have an approved background check, as is our standard safety practice.
- All visitors must be free of COVID-19 symptoms before coming into school.



## CLEANING PROCEDURES & AIR QUALITY

- Schools will continue to be cleaned and sanitized daily and nightly, continuing the high cleaning standard that we used during and even before the pandemic.
- High-touch surfaces will be disinfected more frequently throughout the day.
- School air systems will continue to cycle fresh air early in the morning, prior to the start of school each day.
- The use of MERV-13 filters in our HVAC systems will continue, where possible.

## HEALTHY HABITS

- Students will continue good hand hygiene routines, especially after visiting the bathroom.
- Hand sanitizer stations will remain in common areas.
- Acrylic barriers will be available if staff members request to use them in some areas.

# COVID-19 ILLNESS GUIDELINES

The guidelines listed below will help you decide whether to send your child to school or keep them home. Guidance and recommendations at the federal, state, and local levels are continuously changing; please note that the following guidance is also subject to change. Please call your child's school attendance line to excuse him or her from school and share symptoms of illness with the attendance staff or health room assistant. Health information shared with OASD staff is kept confidential.

## IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL AT SCHOOL

If symptoms of an illness appear while your child is at school, a member of the OASD Health Services Team, in collaboration with the District Nurse, will determine if your child should remain at school based on the guidelines listed below.

## COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

The following symptoms could indicate a COVID-19 infection. Students displaying any of the following symptoms that are **new or not normal for your child this time of year, and not attributed to a health condition** will NOT be allowed in school. Your child is considered symptomatic if they have one of the symptoms marked with a (\*) or two of the other symptoms above baseline for them:

- Cough\*
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing\*
- New loss of taste or smell\*
- Congestion or runny nose
- Fever (100.4 or greater) or chills
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle (myalgia) or body aches
- Sore throat

Not everyone with COVID-19 displays all of these symptoms. For many, symptoms are mild with no fever. It is important to know that you can still transmit the virus to others even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms. Additionally, if your child has a fever, diarrhea, OR vomiting **ALONE**, you should keep your child home for at least 24 hours or until symptoms have resolved.



## RETURNING TO SCHOOL

1. Students who have stayed home or been sent home due to potential COVID-19 symptoms but have **NOT BEEN TESTED for COVID-19** may return to school with/when:
  - With a note from the student's medical provider documenting that symptoms are not related to COVID-19 and symptoms have improved. If a medical provider determines that your child is ill with something other than COVID-19 (like the flu or hand, foot, and mouth) then you should follow the medical provider's guidelines for exclusion requirements for that disease or illness.

**-OR-**

  - At least 10-days have passed since symptoms began, AND the student has not had a fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND all other symptoms have improved.
2. Students who have stayed home or been sent home due to potential COVID-19 symptoms and have **TESTED NEGATIVE for COVID-19** may return to school with a note or documentation from their medical provider supporting the negative test result.
  - If a medical provider determines that your child is ill with something other than COVID-19 (like the flu or hand, foot, and mouth) then you should follow the medical provider's guidelines for exclusion requirements for that disease or illness.
3. Students who had symptoms and **TESTED POSITIVE for COVID-19** should notify and consult the OASD Health Services Team for guidance on return to school. These students may return when:
  - At least 10-days have passed since symptoms began, AND the student has had no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, AND all other symptoms have improved.
4. If a student **DID NOT have symptoms** but **TESTED POSITIVE for COVID-19**, the student may return to school when:
  - At least 10-days have passed since the first positive test, and the student has continued to have no symptoms.

Test results may be provided to your school's Health Services Team or emailed directly to [OconHealthServices@oasd.org](mailto:OconHealthServices@oasd.org).

## QUARANTINE RELATED TO EXPOSURE

- For the start of the 2021-22 school year, the OASD will not enforce quarantine periods for school-based, community-based, or household exposures.
- Federal, state, and local public health entities continue to recommend quarantine if you have been exposed to COVID-19 and OASD families can choose to quarantine a child who has been exposed.
- The OASD Health Services Team is available to assist in determining quarantine periods for families that choose to self-quarantine based on exposure.
- If you choose to quarantine your child, please notify your school's attendance line and those self-quarantine days will be excused absences.
- A member of the Health Services Team may be in touch with you to gather more information or provide additional assistance if needed.

For additional information on close contact exposure and quarantine, visit [Wisconsin DHS COVID-19: Close Contacts](#).



## COVID-19 VACCINATION

- The OASD will not require COVID-19 vaccinations for staff, students, or visitors.
- If your child has received a COVID-19 vaccination and you would like the District to have record of this vaccination, you may provide a vaccination record to the OASD Health Services Team.
- Providing vaccination information is not mandatory.
- To learn more about vaccine safety and efficacy, vaccination eligibility, and find vaccination sites, refer to the [CDC](#) or [DHS](#) websites or consult with a medical provider.

## COVID-19 TESTING

- The OASD will not be providing on-site COVID-19 testing.
- If your child is tested, the District will only accept either Rapid Antigen or PCR test results performed by an entity that is licensed or certified to do so (medical provider office or laboratory service).
- Test results obtained through an over-the-counter test will not be accepted.
- Your child may report to school or school activities with a pending COVID-19 test result if they remain symptom free.
- If your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 with a pending COVID test result, please keep your child home and follow the return to school guidance listed above.
- Your child may report to school or school activities with a pending COVID test result obtained for travel purposes.
- For more information about COVID-19 community testing sites, refer to [Wisconsin DHS COVID-19 Testing Sites](#) or [Waukesha County Public Health Community Testing Sites](#).

## CONTINUITY OF LEARNING

If your child is absent from school due to COVID-19 isolation, self-quarantine, or because of another illness, assignments and learning materials will be available. This school year, teachers will not routinely provide live remote instruction for children who are at home due to illness, isolation, or self-quarantine.

- Elementary families can request assignments and learning materials from the teacher if their child is well enough to complete them at home. Those items will be available for pick up 24-hours after a family member contacts the teacher or school to request the materials.
- Intermediate and OHS students can monitor their learning on Canvas and contact their teachers with questions.

## NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE CASES OR EXPOSURE

- The OASD will continue contact tracing efforts to the best of our ability to try and identify students and staff who meet the criteria for being considered a close contact.
- A close contact is still defined as contact within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period and/or having direct physical contact.
- Families may receive an e-mail if a confirmed positive COVID case has been identified in their child's class or their child has been identified as a close contact to a confirmed positive case.
- The OASD will continue to share the number of positive COVID-19 cases among students and staff in the district on a weekly basis at [www.oasd.org/COVIDDashboard](http://www.oasd.org/COVIDDashboard).



# NON-COVID RELATED ILLNESSES & SYMPTOMS

If your child has a fever, diarrhea, OR vomiting **ALONE**, you should keep your child home for at least 24 hours or until symptoms have resolved.

## RASH

- If your child has an unusual rash and/or includes a fever, keep your child at home until you have discussed the rash with your doctor or health care provider.

## CONTAGIOUS/NUISANCE DISEASES

- If your child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness, such as Strep Throat, Impetigo, Bacterial Pink Eye, Bacterial Bronchitis, etc., he/she may return to school after 24 hours of treatment with an antibiotic.
- If your child has been diagnosed with a vaccine-preventable illness, such as Chicken Pox or Pertussis, keep your child home and contact the district nurse. Children will be allowed to return once no longer contagious and cleared by a medical provider.
- If your child has been diagnosed with a nuisance infestation/disease, such as Head Lice, Scabies, Ringworm, he/she may return to school after treatment.

## PAIN

- **Earache:** A child may come to school with a mild earache, if he/she feels well enough to concentrate. Consult your physician if fever and/or pain accompany earache is severe.
- **Other pain:** A child with pain from an injury, menstrual issues, or chronic pain may return to school when they are well enough to participate. If your child requires medications to manage their pain while at school, discuss with the OASD Health Services Team.

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