

To: The Phelps Community
From: Administration
Subject: COVID Guidance
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Cc: All employees, Parents and Students

Phelps COVID Guidance – Academic Year 2021-2022

COVID-19 prevention strategies remain critical to protect people, including students, teachers, and staff, who are not fully vaccinated, especially in areas of moderate-to-high community transmission levels.

Requirements:

- Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Phelps strongly encourages all students and faculty to be fully vaccinated.
- Unvaccinated students and or faculty members must always wear mask on campus.
- Masks must be worn in the classroom and auditorium by both teachers and students. Masks are not required on the playing fields or in open spaces for vaccinated people.
- In compliance with CDC recommendations, we will maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask.
- Screening testing, ventilation, hand washing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of Phelps prevention to keep our schools safe.
- Students will sanitize their learning space before leaving each class every day.
- Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Fully vaccinated people who have had a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 2-5 days after exposure and should wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test, and isolate if they test positive or develop symptoms.
- Regardless of vaccination status, any person with new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19 still needs to isolate and be evaluated for SARS-CoV-2 testing.
- Unvaccinated individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and are identified as close contacts of a COVID-19 case must quarantine.

Staying Home When Sick/ Getting Tested

Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of schools and prevent spread to others. It also is essential for people who are not fully vaccinated to quarantine after a recent exposure to someone with COVID-19.

CDC guidance provides that people who are fully vaccinated and do not have COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine or get tested after an exposure to someone with COVID-19.

***** Please note:** The above policies and procedures are subject to change without prior notification. The above requirements will remain flexible and be adjusted as may be required by the CDC and or our local/state health departments may require.