



# Sage Collegiate 2022–23 COVID protocols

## August 2022

Per the guidance from the Department of Health & Human Services, and our authorizer, the State Public Charter School Authority, we provide the following information to families regarding our operational protocols for COVID.

**1. Isolation for Students/Staff who Test Positive:** Students/staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 must isolate for a minimum of 5 days (longer if fever persists beyond 5 days), and if they return before 10 days have passed, they should wear a well-fitting mask through day 10.

- If the individual still has a fever on day 5, they must continue to isolate until they are fever free for 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- If the individual refuses to wear a mask they must isolate through day 10.
- When counting, days, Day 0 is the first day of symptoms. For individuals who test positive but don't have any symptoms, Day 0 is the day of the positive test. Day 1 is the day immediately after Day 0.

**2. Contact Tracing and Quarantine:** Students/staff who have been identified as close contacts to a confirmed case must quarantine for 5 days (date of exposure is day 0) if they are not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations or have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days. It is recommended to test no earlier than day 5. If the test taken on or after day 5 is negative and no symptoms have developed, the person may return to work/school. If they have no access to a test during this period, they may return after day 5 provided no signs or symptoms have developed.

- A close contact is someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. For example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes.
- There are three exceptions to the quarantine requirements:
  1. Individuals who are up-to-date on vaccines, meaning they have received any boosters that they are eligible for (as indicated above)
  2. Individuals who are tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days (as indicated above)
  3. The person who tested positive AND the close contact was masked during the time of exposure

**3. Reporting Positive Cases:** Schools must continue to report cases to the local health authorities. Only confirmed (PCR) and probable (POC) tests should be reported. At-home test results are not reportable. (see NRS 441A.190 and NAC 441A.245)

### ➤ OTHER NOTES

As of the start of school, there is no mask mandate for students or staff. We encourage families to make the most appropriate choice related to masks for their child. Staff also have the option of choosing whether to wear a mask, and we will support scholars who choose to wear them.

We encourage families to adhere to the professional advice of children's pediatricians and the Centers for Disease Control for all matters related to masking, vaccinations, and treatment.

**If you have any questions related to the COVID protocols or other health matters, please reach out to our Executive Director at [skinne@sagecollegiate.org](mailto:skinne@sagecollegiate.org).**