



SUNRISE R-IX SCHOOL DISTRICT

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QUARANTINE AND CONTACT TRACING POLICIES

Dear Sunrise Families,

This communication is being sent to provide information on the district's COVID quarantine and isolation protocols for school. There have been several changes to the COVID quarantine guidelines over the past year and we want to make sure our families are aware of the 2021-22 school guidelines for COVID.

UPDATE:

Contact Tracing (new)

If the district receives notification of a positive case of COVID, the district will identify contacts (those within 6 feet, for 15 minutes, within 24 hours) to the positive individual and parents will be contacted.

- Individuals that are a contact and have no symptoms, stay at school and are masked for 14 days (no testing unless symptoms appear)
- Individuals that are a contact and develop symptoms will be sent home:
 - If symptoms improve over 3 days the individual can return, but must remain masked for the duration of the 14 days
- Individuals that have been fully vaccinated or have had a confirmed positive COVID test within 90 days of being identified as a contact, will not quarantine

*Unvaccinated siblings/staff in a home of someone that tests positive will be out the full 14 days.

Contact Tracing (applicable 8/24-9/21)

If the district receives notification of a positive case of COVID, the district will identify contacts (those within 6 feet, for 15 minutes, within 24 hours) to the positive individual. The students identified as contacts will be sent home from school immediately. A school employee will call families and the following will be provided at pick-up:

- A letter of information from the health department related to quarantine and test out options. Sunrise provides test out options on campus.
- A student Quarantine Learning schedule
- A chromebook and charger (hot spot if needed)

As parents pick up their child from the main office, your child will be wearing a mask and a staff member will meet you at the door to go over quarantine rules and the online learning schedule.

Student's that have been fully vaccinated or have had a confirmed positive COVID test within 90 days of being identified as a contact, will not need to quarantine.

District Approved Test Results

The district will not contact trace students who do not have a lab-confirmed result or BinaxNOW Rapid Ag test from Sunrise. It is the policy of the district to contact trace those individuals that have received a lab-confirmed, Physician, JCHD confirmation, or BinaxNOW Rapid Ag test from Sunrise School of a positive result. At home tests are widely available at this time. With the availability of these tests comes concern with the validity of the testing environment and testing protocol. Home tests will not be accepted as test results.

Positive Case

Any student with a positive COVID test should not attend school for 10 days from onset of symptoms. As long as symptoms have subsided, the student is able to return on the 11th day. It is recommended that those utilizing a home test, still contact their healthcare provider for additional follow-up. The school nurse should be contacted as soon as a positive case is discovered. Anyone in the home of a positive case will need to quarantine for 14 days. If someone living in the home is fully vaccinated, this individual will need to get a COVID test 3-5 days after exposure and wear a mask for 14 days or until a negative test result.

Fully Vaccinated

If a student is fully vaccinated, and is a contact to a positive case of COVID, they will not be required to quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic. They will be able to attend school and extracurricular activities as usual. This student will need to get a COVID test 3-5 days after exposure (Sunrise School provides this test on campus) and wear a mask for 14 days or until a negative test result.

Quarantine Learning

Students in quarantine or isolation due to COVID will be provided with a Quarantine Learning schedule. This daily schedule will mirror the school day. There will be designated times the student must log in to LIVE sessions. All core areas (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies) will have LIVE lessons and assign work online and it must be completed. Band and Honors Art will provide recorded lessons and post assignments to Google Classroom. Quarantine/Isolation students will be exempt from elective courses (Library, PE, Music, Computers, etc). Attendance will be taken during LIVE lessons and as long as the student is logged in and completing their work, the student will not be counted absent.

Our goal is to continue to offer a safe and challenging learning environment. Thank you for your continued support for student learning. Please continue to monitor your child's health and practice COVID safety protocols.

Please reach out with any questions. We want parents to be informed. Please know that we all monitor our email and phones regularly. If you reach out over the weekend or in the evening, we will call you back quickly. Thank you for your help and support this school year as we continue to work together through COVID.

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