

Adirondack Central School District - Covid Plan
-We Are In This Together - Wildcat Strong-

Who developed this plan?	A committee convened on Sept. 11 to update this plan. The stakeholders included Board members, administrators, faculty members, staff members, school nurses, and parents. New York State is no longer providing Covid guidance to schools. NY suggests that districts refer to CDC guidance.
What happens if staff/students have been in close contact with someone who has Covid?	<p>Follow the CDC Exposure Guidance (CLICK HERE). It is recommended that those exposed to Covid wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days and get tested 5 days after the close contact, sooner if symptoms develop.</p> <p>Staff and students who have been exposed may continue to attend school, unless they develop symptoms or test positive.</p>
What happens if staff/students test positive for Covid?	<p>Follow the CDC Isolation Guidance (CLICK HERE). Please contact the school nurse. Those who have symptoms and are awaiting test results shall assume/act as if they have Covid.</p> <p>Those who are positive, or showing symptoms and are awaiting test results, should isolate (not attend school) for the first 5 days. Day 1 starts the day after symptoms begin or if no symptoms are present, the day after the positive test.</p> <p>Individuals may come off isolation after day 5 as long as their symptoms are gone, or almost gone (just a mild cough, no fever and no runny nose). For the next 5 days (days 6-10), those coming off isolation should wear a well-fitted mask when around others and attempt to space from others. If a person takes two rapid tests, 48 hours apart, and they are negative, they may stop masking sooner than day 10.</p>
How does my child get educated if they are positive or symptomatic and awaiting test results?	Like all illnesses, students will be marked absent (excused) when they are out due to Covid, and shall make arrangements with teachers to get assignments and to make up work.
Will masks be required?	Masks are optional on school buses, in school buildings, and at school events. Please respect each person's choice on this matter, and no shaming shall be aimed at people for their preference.
What are best practices to stop the spread of Covid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-home tests are readily available in each nurse's office-handwashing and hand sanitizing is important-stay home when sick: fever, cough, stuffy/runny nose, upset stomach, diarrhea-don't share items (drinks)-cleaning/disinfecting will take place daily-the school's HVAC system runs per the recommended guidelines, fans/open windows are encouraged
What notifications will the school provide regarding positive Covid cases?	<p>Full contact tracing is no longer required, and we will not be notifying students/families of Covid positive cases. The only times we will make notifications are if we have a classroom, sports team, or situation where we're seeing a pattern of outbreaks or there's a unique exposure.</p> <p>The district will no longer maintain a count of positive cases on the district website, and daily reporting to the state is no longer required.</p>
Will the school be doing Covid testing?	No. The CDC encourages staff or students who are symptomatic, or have been exposed, to test. Please contact the school nurse if you are in need of rapid tests. As long as we have tests available, we will send them home.
What is new regarding vaccinations?	The school does not require vaccinations, but if you are vaccinated or you get a booster, please provide proof of that to the nurse, so the school's records are up-to-date.
What stipulations are in place for athletics, concerts, and extra events?	There are no stipulations on capacity limits/spacing. Masks are optional. Please do not attend events if you are sick. Streaming of events will only take place for large-scale/special occasions (such as High School Graduation), and this will be announced in advance.

Please understand that this is a fluid document, based on information accessible to us as of September 11, 2023. As circumstances change regarding Covid, this document will be updated. We will notify staff and families of changes as they become available, via ParentSquare and our website (Covid tab).

