



MALVERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Remember, this is a working document. Please expect questions & answers to change frequently.

1. Will students and staff be required to wear face coverings/masks this year?

As we begin the school year, the wearing of masks in the Malvern School District is highly recommended but optional.

2. What is the best way to notify the district if a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19?

Please contact the District point of contact Velda Keeney at 501-844-0551.

3. Will parents be allowed to walk their child into school on the first day?

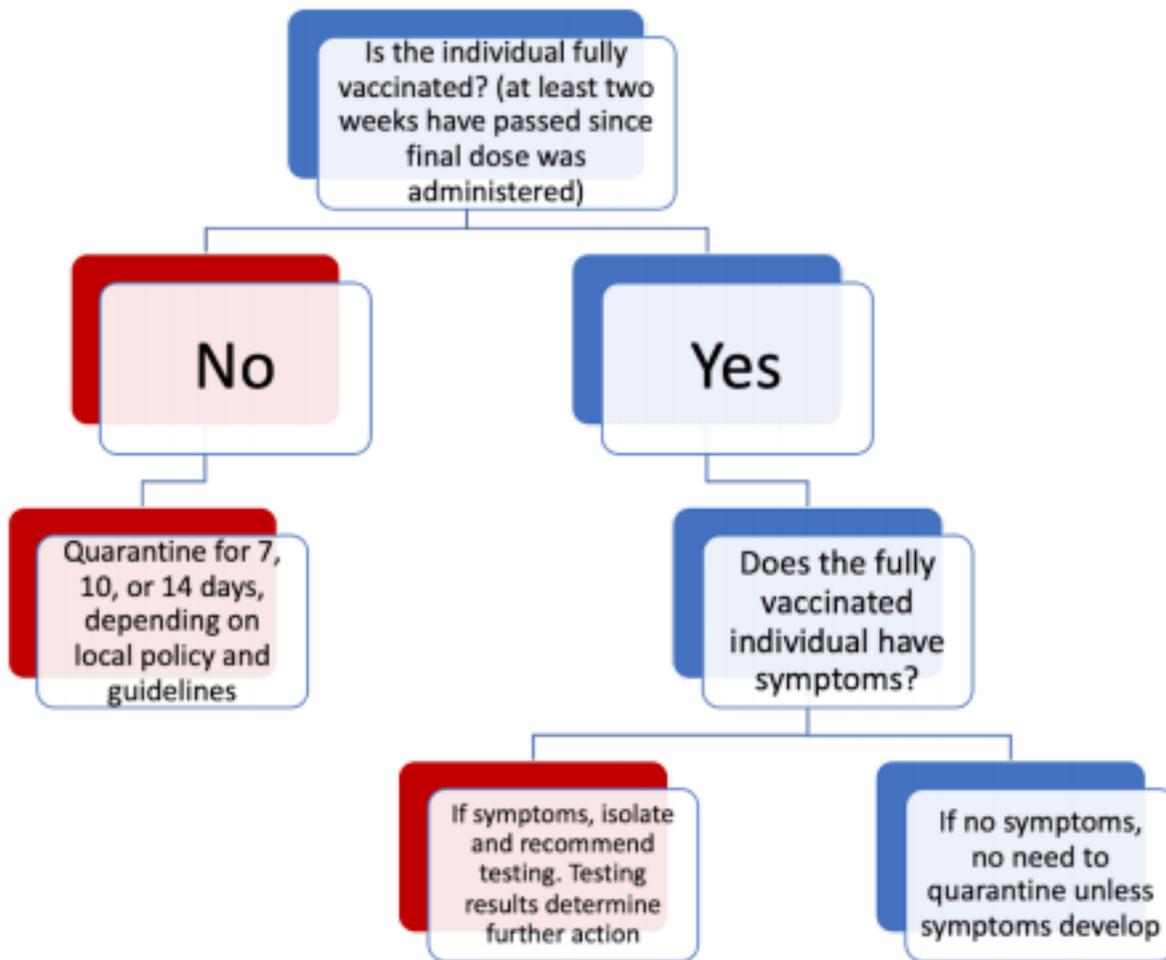
Just like last year, unfortunately, we will not be allowing that again this year. Parents can walk them to the school entrance but not inside the school. We want to take precautions and remain vigilant due to the rise in COVID-19 cases. There will be staff available in the hallways and throughout the school to help your child get to their classroom safely.

4. Can I visit the school, classroom, or eat lunch with my student?

You will be able to visit the school and classroom during Open House. However, just like last year, once school begins, visitors will not be allowed inside during school hours.

5. If staff or eligible students are fully vaccinated (at least two full weeks have passed since final dose was administered), will they still have to quarantine if identified as a close contact?

No, fully vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine as long as they remain symptom free. Please see chart below:



6. How will you know if my student has received the COVID-19 vaccine?

If a student is identified as a probable close contact, they will need to provide proof they have been vaccinated. However, if they are not able to do that quickly, nurses are also able to verify this information in the state vaccination database in possible quarantine situations.

7. If my student wears a mask and they are identified as a probable close contact, will they have to quarantine?

Individuals exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 will not need to be quarantined if they have no symptoms and BOTH the infected and exposed individual consistently and correctly were wearing a mask.

8. What if my student is identified as a probable close contact but they have already had and recovered from COVID-19?

Individuals who have previously tested positive from COVID-19 and recovered and are exposed to someone with COVID-19 within three months of their original diagnosis do not have to stay at home or get tested again, as long as they do not develop new symptoms and provide necessary documentation.

9. What exactly is Quarantine?

A period of isolation, typically 14 days, that is related to exposure of a COVID positive individual. This is an important way to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Any individual directed to quarantine should remain at home and avoid all public activities, events and places.

10. What is Isolation?

A period of time, typically 10 days, that you should avoid others due to being infectious. Any individual that is exhibiting COVID-like symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 should remain at home and avoid all public activities, events and places.

11. How long will my child have to quarantine?

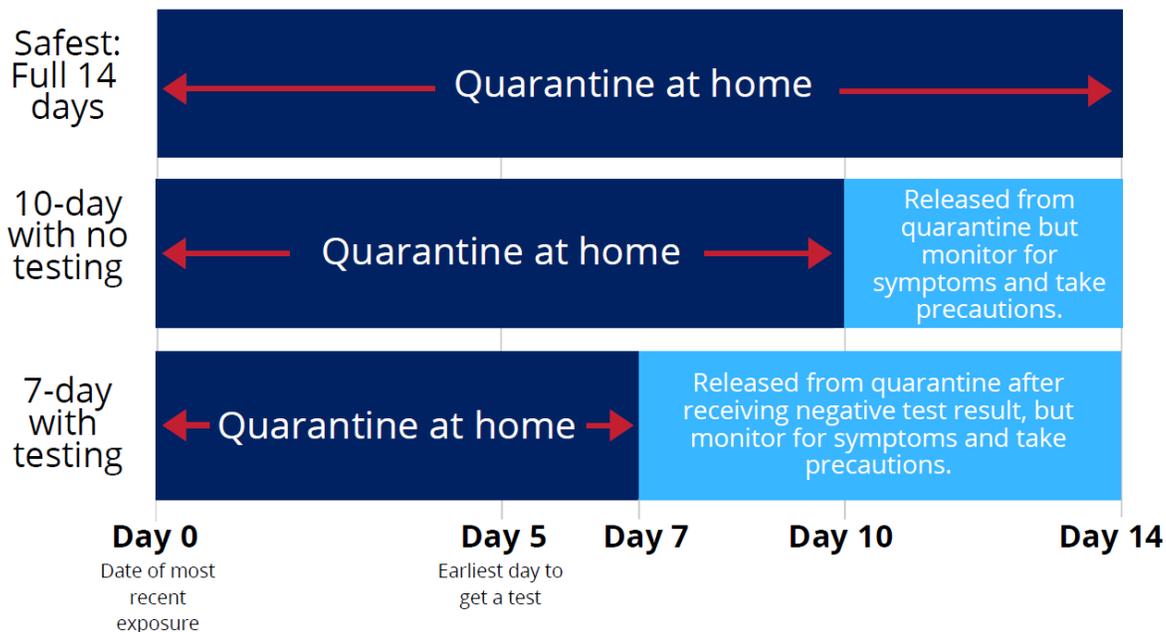
Quarantined individuals can return after 10 days from the last date of contact with the positive case or after 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test.

*Quarantine can end AFTER Day 10 (i.e. Return on Day 11) without testing and IF no symptoms have been reported during the daily monitoring.

*Quarantine can end AFTER Day 7 (i.e. Return on Day 8) IF a close contact tests negative (“send-off” PCR but rapid acceptable) and IF no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected no sooner than a full 5 days AFTER exposure, but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.

*If at any time someone in quarantine as a close contact develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should immediately isolate and get tested for COVID-19 (even if they previously had a negative test during this quarantine). We emphasize that the above two options only apply to those who have NO SYMPTOMS.

Quarantine for people with no symptoms



**If symptoms develop, isolate and get tested.*

12. How will I know the exact date my child can return to school?

Once we complete contact tracing, which can take 2-3 days, you will be contacted by phone from a member of our district COVID team. They will explain the timeline process.

13. How was my child identified as a close contact?

As defined by the ADH/ADE in the AR Ready for Learning document, a close contact is identified as an individual confirmed to have been within six feet of 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24-hour period during the infectious period of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

14. If my child is identified as a probable close contact, can they take a COVID test? If that test comes back negative can they return to school?

Yes. According to ADH/ADE, quarantine can end AFTER Day 7 (i.e. Return on Day 8) IF a close contact tests negative ("send-off" PCR but rapid acceptable) and IF no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected no sooner than a full 5 days AFTER exposure, but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.

15. What precautions will be taken for cleaning and sanitizing?

Disinfecting, sanitization, and cleanliness will continue to be a high priority on all our campuses. Extra attention will be given on high surface areas.

16. Should parents continue doing a health check on their kids every day?

Yes. It is important to do a Health Check, which includes a temperature check and observation of any possible signs or symptoms regarding COVID-19 each morning, at home, before arriving at school or getting on the school bus.

17. What happens if schools are mandated to close?

If schools are mandated to close, our district will utilize it's approved **AMI plan**. The AMI or Alternative Methods of Instruction is what we have used for inclement weather days in the past.

18. Will the district provide face coverings if my student wants one?

Yes.

19. My student was tested, but we don't have results yet. What should I do?

Please do not send your student to school if he/she has taken a test and you are awaiting results.

20. If someone in my household has a confirmed case of COVID-19 would I contact the school?

Please contact our point of contact Velda Keeney at 501-844-0551.

21. If I am placed in quarantine for exposure to a positive COVID-19 case OUTSIDE of school. Who should I notify?

Please contact our point of contact Velda Keeney at 501-844-0551.

22. Who can I contact if I still have questions?

*District Point of Contact Velda Keeney at 501-844-0551 or email vkeeney@malvernleopards.org