

COVID-19 Updates: Jan. 5, 2022

We are seeing a high rate of Covid-19 spread in the community. We currently have 71 positive cases of Covid-19 in our community (this includes students, staff and faculty). Please do not send your students to school with symptoms, even if they are mild. If your child is having cold symptoms, please keep them home and have them tested for Covid-19. If your child does come to school with symptoms, they will be sent home to be tested.

Our goal is to continue to offer safe in-person learning. In order to best accomplish this, we are continuing to implement the following Covid-19 protocols:

Masks

Please send your student to school with a **new** and **well fitting** mask. Students should provide their own clean mask each day. Paper masks are only good for one day and cloth masks must be washed after each use. ***CDH does not supply daily masks. We do have some on hand if your student's mask breaks during the day.*** Properly fitting and correctly worn masks are vital to keeping spread out of the school building.

Students who are unwilling to comply with the mask mandate are subject to disciplinary action including detention, and continual noncompliance may result in suspension.

Quarantine Policies

Per the Minnesota Department of Health recommendations, CDH will continue to require a 10-day quarantine for Covid-19 positive cases and a 7-day quarantine for close contacts.

Those who have received their 2nd vaccine within the last six months or have received their booster dose are exempt from close contact quarantine.

Unvaccinated students and those whose 2nd dose was past six months ago will be required to quarantine if exposed to a Covid-19 positive case. This quarantine is seven days and requires a negative PCR test before returning to school and activities.

Vaccinations

Yesterday, the FDA expanded booster availability to all people ages 12 and up, as well as shortened the time between the second dose and the booster shot to five months, down from six months.

We strongly recommend that everyone in the CDH community be vaccinated, and receive the booster dose when they become eligible.

Testing

Minnesota community testing sites can be found [here](#).

Vault Health will also deliver free PCR tests to your home, details of this new program can be found [here](#).