



Covid Updates

We want you to stay safe, healthy and connected.
Here's what you need to know.

As we come back to school in person once again, just a reminder that our YEP program follows the COVID guidelines as set forth by the West Hartford Public Schools as they apply to us. The full text of the guidelines can be accessed [HERE](#).

Guidelines for contact tracing and quarantining are, as follows, in brief:

- ◇ Students who are even mildly symptomatic with any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 should immediately isolate at home, test for the virus with a PCR, antigen, or home self-test, and remain away from activities outside of the home until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours and other symptoms are significantly improved.
- ◇ Students who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate at home for at least 5 days, or longer if symptoms develop and persist. A mask should continue to be worn for an additional 5 days at all times when around others.
- ◇ Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students who are notified that they have had a close contact with an individual who has confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should immediately quarantine at home and test for the virus 5 days after their last exposure to the COVID-19 case. This is especially important in situations where extended high-intensity exposure may have occurred, such as with household contacts, in unmasked social settings (e.g., sleepovers, parties), and/or during athletic activities.

Fully vaccinated students and staff no longer need to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic. Students within a classroom setting (not on buses or in other non-classroom settings) are not considered close contacts if they are not within 3 feet of a known COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, provided:

- ◇ contact between students happened exclusively inside a PreK-12 school classroom
- ◇ both parties were wearing a well-fitting mask consistently and correctly during the entire duration of their contact
- ◇ the student who is considered to be a close contact remains asymptomatic