

2021-2022 COVID-19 Protocols

Who do I contact?

Please contact your student's principal if:

- The student has symptoms and you are keeping them home.
- The student has been notified they are a close contact.
- The student has tested positive for COVID-19.
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- Upper School Principal (4-7) - Stephanie Campos Johnson, sjohnson@globalprepindy.org

What happens if my student shows symptoms?

- If a student shows symptoms, please keep them home and get them tested.
- If a student has symptoms at school, the nurse will take them to the designated COVID-19 holding area and you will be called to come and pick them up, as well as any siblings.

IPS has required anyone residing in an IPS building to follow their protocols. Below are some of the protocols. All of the protocols can be found on the IPS website, <https://myips.org/ips-back-to-school-2021-22-school-year/covid-19-protocols/>

The IPS COVID-19 protocols for the 2021–22 school year were created based on updated guidance from the Marion County Public Health Department, the Indiana State Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

These protocols are subject to change based on new guidance from the health departments/organizations listed above.

Face Masks

- **Masks are required for all students and staff — regardless of vaccination status — in all IPS buildings.**

Contract Tracing/Quarantine

- The IPS COVID-19 dashboard on the district website will track positive cases throughout the district and schools will notify families and staff of any positive cases at their location.
- Students identified as a close contact in a classroom setting where everyone is consistently and correctly masked will no longer be required to quarantine.
 - This guidance will not apply to staff members who are deemed close contacts. Unvaccinated staff members will still be required to quarantine for 14 days. Fully vaccinated staff who do not have symptoms will not be required to quarantine.
- Areas where students may not be masked consistently (lunch, band, athletics, etc.) will require contact tracing and for students to be quarantined if they have been identified within 6 feet (for more than 15 minutes) of a person who tested positive.

- Students/staff who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 **and** who meets the following criteria does NOT need to quarantine: Someone who has COVID-19 illness **within the previous three months**, has recovered and remains without COVID-19 symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath).
- **Quarantine periods will expire after 14 days post exposure.**
- **GPA/IPS accepts either a PCR or rapid test for both asymptomatic and symptomatic individuals. Tests must be done in a clinical setting.**
- Seating charts will be maintained in all classrooms, cafeterias, and school buses so that contact tracing can be conducted.
- COVID-19 symptoms must be monitored at home for students and staff. Those displaying symptoms must remain at home.

COVID-19 Symptoms Checklist

The following are the COVID-19 symptoms parents and staff should check each morning before attending school or work. Those who have these symptoms should stay home.

- Fever/Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle/Body Aches
- Headache
- Loss of Taste/Smell
- Sore Throat
- Sinus Congestion

If you stay home due to several symptoms, please get tested before returning to school.

- If you **test positive**, regardless of vaccination status, **you must be isolated for 10 days.**

Cleaning/Sanitizing/Hygiene & PPE

- All high-touch surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized frequently, specifically classrooms will be sanitized three times daily.

Social Distancing — Classrooms/Cafeterias/Buses

- Schools will continue to cohort students as much as possible and practice social distancing of 3 feet when possible.
- Seating charts will be maintained in classes, during lunch periods, and on buses for contact tracing.
- Students will be able to eat in school cafeterias but will have assigned seating. Masks are not required for students while eating and drinking.

Student Quarantines & Learning

- Students will be sent home with work to complete the day they have been sent to quarantine. Parents may need to pick up additional materials and assignments depending on the length of quarantine.

- Once all remote technology has been assigned to students, students will complete their assignments via GoogleClassroom that has been uploaded by their teachers.
- While in quarantine, students are expected to complete classwork via their school-issued device.

Visitors & Volunteers

- Masks are required for all visitors — parents/guardians, community partners, volunteers —regardless of vaccination status while indoors. If outdoors, masks are required only if socially distancing is not possible.
- Visitors/Volunteers will be asked to conduct a symptom check before entering a school building.
- Visitors/Volunteers will not be permitted to eat with students/staff during breakfast or lunch.