

COVID-19 Update

March 18, 2022

Hello Hartford School Community!

This past Wednesday the School Board approved new guidance to go into effect Monday, March 21, 2022. Please review the guidance carefully as a lot has changed. The Short version is included in this letter with a link to the full guidance. Please do not hesitate to contact your school nurse or me with questions or concerns at any time.

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Hartford School District COVID Response (3/21/2022)

[LINK](#) to Complete Guidance

- Current recommendations for universal masking from CDC are based upon levels of community transmission.
- Windsor county currently "medium" meaning universal masking not recommended.
- County rates are reported at <https://www.cdc.gov/> weekly on Thursdays.
- Potential to return to universal masking remains if transmission level in Windsor county reaches "high."
- Per CDC masking should be continued in specific circumstances:
 - For those with symptoms
- For 10 days following a positive COVID test

- For 10 days following a COVID exposure
- Those at increased risk for severe disease should consult with their healthcare provider.
- People may choose to continue to mask while indoors for their own personal reasons. Harassment/bullying of anyone for any reason will not be tolerated.
- People should stay home when sick and test for COVID if they have any symptoms.
- They can return to school with 2 negative antigen tests taken 24hrs apart as long as symptoms have improved and they are fever free for 24hrs prior.
- When someone tests positive, they need to isolate for at least 5 days. They can end isolation with 2 negative antigen tests taken 24hrs apart starting no sooner than day 4 as long as symptoms have improved and they are fever free for 24hrs prior. Otherwise, they must isolate for 10 days.
- Testing following an exposure is recommended.
- Communication will be sent out when schools learn of someone who has tested positive.
- Antigen test kits will continue to be provided as long as the state supply continues.