

# COVID-19 Update

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## A Strong and Healthy Year - Update for Parents

On April 8, 2021, The Agency of Education and Vermont Department of Health issued an update to their previously released document, *A Strong and Healthy Start: Safety and Health Guidance for Reopening Schools*. Below are some specific changes that we wanted you to be aware of as we move forward for the remainder of this school year.

### Daily Health Screenings

The expectation since the beginning of the year has been that parents and students are doing a daily health screening before school. Students should not come to school if:

- They have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (unless fully vaccinated) or if they are experiencing any symptoms that could be associated with COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status).
- In these cases, they should follow [The Vermont Department of Health guidance on testing and quarantine](#).
- Students will no longer have their temperature taken upon arrival to school.
- *If you need a thermometer please contact your school nurse as they still have plenty available.*

### Exclusion/Inclusion Policies

All students and staff will be excluded from in person school and extracurricular activities if they:

- Experience any symptoms of COVID-19
- Have a temperature greater than 100.4°F
- Are in isolation due to testing positive for COVID-19

- Any unvaccinated student or staff member will be excluded from in person school and extracurricular activities if they have been in close contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19.

**Return requirements regarding testing and quarantine following illness or exposure have not changed.** Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions about this.

### **Travel**

Per Governor Phil Scott, effective 4/9/21, unvaccinated Vermonters may travel without needing to quarantine. The VT Department of Health states they must be tested within 3 days of returning to Vermont. While quarantine is not required, you should monitor for the development of any symptoms that could be related to COVID-19 for 14 days following travel even if you had a negative test in the first 72 hours. If symptoms develop contact your healthcare provider for guidance/testing.

**\*Please note that masking requirements and restrictions regarding social gatherings have not changed.**

Thank you for your attention to this information. I hope you have a wonderful vacation!

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