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An International Baccalaureate World School Primary Years Program

COVID information for families

June 2022 update

Masking is required for students and staff.

Students with symptoms should not come to school.

Students developing symptoms in school will be moved to the office and need to go home as soon as possible.

Students who test positive for COVID may return after five days if they are asymptomatic **AND** with either a negative rapid COVID test (home kit) or a written clearance from a medical doctor.



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May 2022 update

In an effort to minimize the impact on students' learning and families' schedules, we would like to update some of our COVID protocols.

We are returning to mandatory masking for everyone, two years old and up. This will be through Friday, May 20th. We will let everyone know over that weekend if we are continuing mandatory masking into the following week.

If a student has a family member with Covid, they need a negative PCR test to return to school, taken on day five or later after last exposure to the family member.

Masked and fully vaccinated student in the school are not considered "close contacts", but should monitor for symptoms if they were near a person that tested positive

Unmasked and unvaccinated students need to stay home for at least five days if they are exposed. Students that are quarantining should PCR test on day 5, or later, after last known exposure. With a negative PCR test result, asymptomatic students can return to in-person learning with a daily rapid test (email michelle.tan@yhis.org an image with the student's name and date when test was done) until day 10. Asymptomatic older students that can wear a tight-fitting mask do not need to present daily rapid test results after presenting the negative PCR test that was taken on day 5 or later after last known exposure.

Students with symptoms should not come to school.

Students developing symptoms in school will be moved to the office and need to go home as soon as possible.

Students who test positive for COVID can return after five days if they are asymptomatic (or have received written clearance from a medical doctor) and must wear a tight-fitting mask for another five days.

Students that have a record of a positive PCR test in the last 90 day can come to in-person classes as long as the school has a record of that test. We must have lab results of a PCR test to allow this exemption.



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January 2022 update

We commend parents for their transparency with the school when reporting positive COVID cases, as we bear a strong responsibility to our students and families, and we are also required to report outbreaks to local health authorities.

Our COVID policy is to stay open in each grade any day it is possible for that group to be on campus. However, when we have known cases of COVID-19 in the school community, there are times when it is necessary to adjust our operations accordingly. We apologize in advance for disruptions caused by unpredictable quarantine and closure notices, and we recognize this creates problems with family schedules. We will communicate such changes as promptly as possible. To prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 in the school building, we continue to require that parents diligently monitor their children for symptoms. Any person who develops symptoms in school will have to be sent home and present a doctor's clearance to return to school. As noted in previous communications, ALL students, faculty, and staff are required to have a PCR test taken this week. Please inform Michelle Tan of the date of the PCR test and forward a copy of the test result, positive or negative, as soon as it is received.

Moving forward, we recommend parents consider weekly rapid tests, both for vaccinated and unvaccinated students, because many of the cases in YingHua families have been asymptomatic and were only discovered through random testing. It is of vital importance for contact tracing and district recordkeeping that we collect all positive or negative test (antigen or PCR) results.

Everyone will need to have another round of PCR testing the week of our Chinese New Year break (please test between January 31 - February 4) with results submitted before Monday, February 7. We are working to arrange the onsite option for the afternoon of February 1 for the families interested in participating. Families can participate in the option at the school or arrange your own PCR testing.

We are working our way through the recent changes to COVID-19 protocols and procedures announced by state and federal offices. In addition to the state and federal offices we are also reviewing the information from CHOP:

<https://policylab.chop.edu/tools-and-memos/guidance-person-education-k-12-educational-settings>

We recommend KN95 or N95 masks for all students, particularly for unvaccinated students. A mask that will fit tightly around your child's face, from nose to chin, left to right cheek is required. Should your child be using cloth masks, we highly recommend another layer or surgical mask to keep him/her safe. All masks have to be changed daily. Please put two or



three extra masks in your child’s backpack to change into if their masks get dirty or a strap breaks.

Why Cloth Masks Might Not Be Enough as Omicron Spreads

Time it takes to transmit an infectious dose of Covid-19

		PERSON NOT INFECTED IS WEARING			
		Nothing	Cloth mask	Surgical mask	N95
PERSON INFECTED IS WEARING	Nothing	15 min.	20 min.	30 min.	2.5 hours
	Cloth mask	20 min.	27 min.	40 min.	3.3 hours
	Surgical mask	30 min.	40 min.	1 hour	5 hours
	N95	2.5 hours	3.3 hours	5 hours	25 hours

It will take 25 hours for an infectious dose of Covid-19 to transmit between people wearing non-fit-tested N95 respirators. **If they’re using tightly sealed N95s—where only 1% of particles enter the facepiece—they will have 2,500 hours of protection.**

Note: Results published in Spring 2021. The CDC expects the Omicron variant to spread more easily.
Source: ACGIH’s Pandemic Response Task Force



September 2021

PCR testing

Everyone (students, faculty, and staff) needs to submit PCR testing before arriving at the start of the year. Throughout the school year we will monitor the pandemic and adjust accordingly. If needed, we will institute additional PCR testing requirements, especially if the counties in our vicinity have rising infection rates. We will follow all the NJDOH and CDC guidelines. New Jersey has announced funding to support testing. We continue to investigate opportunities like this and will participate in all options afforded us by the local and state departments of education.

Contact

We will contact you if your child/children has/have a known COVID exposure. Please contact us if you have confirmed contact with cases outside of YingHua.

Close contacts

Students in schools that maintain three feet of distance with peers and are fully masked are no longer considered close contacts. We must have all students, two years old and over, using clean masks in good condition each day. These students will not have to quarantine if someone in their classroom develops COVID. This will allow us to always have as many students as possible in the school.

Closure

Current regulations require us to close if we have three cases of COVID within 14 days. Cases in the same family and among close contacts do not count as additional instances. This is the area we must have great focus. Our goal is to have all students over two years old masked and three feet apart, so they are not close contacts. It will be particularly important to keep sick children home. Only three cases in 14 days would be enough to close the school for all students with these parameters.

Vaccinations

Please consider vaccinations as they become available. This is one of the best ways for us to keep the cases as low as possible. At this time, all eligible teachers and staff have participated in available vaccination programs. We can update your child(ren)'s health records at any time with this vaccination or others. Please read the information on the web pages below regarding vaccinated people and quarantine as it varies from the unvaccinated regulations.

Travel

We regularly monitor the CDC for changes in this area. At this time, the Regional regulations have been included in Domestic.

CDC guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

NJ travel guidance:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey>



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When returning from travel, families can shorten their quarantine time by submitting PCR testing (see the regulations). We have a virtual option for students healthy and quarantining. Please use this form to help us collect the information so we can prepare for the students:

<https://forms.gle/EqDah7i6tcZDrVW26>

Trust

The best tools we have are open communication and trust. We hope you will share information with us to keep everyone safe, and we will share information with families to keep everyone safe. We respect your decisions and hope to be able to support you as you make the best choices for your family. YHIS will strive to make the best choices possible for the school community.

Hope

We are optimistic and hope we will continue to see improvements as we move toward the days when this pandemic is behind us. We will prepare for setbacks, but we hope for the best.

Resources:

https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/RecommendationsForLocalHealthDepts_K12Schools.pdf

<https://www.nj.gov/education/roadforward/docs/HealthAndSafetyGuidanceSY2122.pdf>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/covid/#1>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

COVID testing information:

<https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/residents/covid-19-status-site/testing-sites>