

2022-2023 Princeton School District

Back To School Plan

COVID-19 Protocols

The goal of this document is to provide information and mitigation strategies to prevent acquisition or outbreak of COVID-19. These strategies are based upon Green Lake County Health Department, (GLCHD) Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for schools.

COVID-19 has elevated the awareness of the importance of infection prevention and control in the school setting. Ill students cannot successfully learn, ill teachers cannot effectively teach, and ill school administrators and support personnel cannot provide necessary support to the school community. Implementing basic infection prevention and control measures remain crucial in protecting all students and staff while schools provide in person instruction given the continued presence of SARS-CoV-2 and its variants. The basics of infection prevention include:

- Staying home (not coming to school or work) when you are ill (seeking medical attention when necessary)
- Cleaning and disinfecting classrooms, materials, and surfaces
- Providing good ventilation and air flow
- Washing hands and using good cough etiquette (using hand sanitizer if water is not available and covering your cough)
- Vaccination against vaccine preventable illnesses

While masks may not be required in our schools, any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID-19, will be supported in that choice.

Preventing Infectious Students and Staff from Attending School

Parents, guardians, or caregivers should monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day. Students who are sick should not attend school in-person. Regarding protocols for the 2022-2023 school year, Princeton School District will be following the guidance listed below:

- Wisconsin Schools are not required to conduct contact tracing as a standard practice but we will continue to work with our Local Green Lake County Health Department in the case of outbreaks.
- Quarantine periods will be omitted.
- Asymptomatic (exposed) children and staff, regardless of where the exposure occurred, no longer need to quarantine.
- Students or staff who self- identify as close contacts may continue to attend school/work if they remain asymptomatic
- Masks may be worn by students or staff, but are not required to attend school/work.

- Symptomatic students or employees will be asked to stay at home until symptoms subside. (Please see “When Should I Stay at Home” below)
- Students and staff who test positive for COVID-1 should isolate for 5 days and may return after day 5 (on day 6) with Day 0 being day of test or onset of symptoms. **All staff and students must meet with the school nurse prior to returning to school/work.**
- If a staff member or student tests negative, they may come back immediately.

When Should I Stay Home?

Staff and students should stay home if they experience any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nausea, vomiting, when in combination with other symptoms
- Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies), when in combination with other symptoms

Vaccination

The Princeton School District does not promote or discourage personal vaccination. All school aged children are currently eligible to be vaccinated. Please contact your healthcare provider or the Green Lake County Health Department for more information on vaccinations, benefits, risks.

Testing

If staff or students desire to undergo a COVID test, please contact the GLC Health Department or your healthcare provider. Note that there are self tests available sold over the counter in most drugstores.

Information

The Princeton School District will continue to post numbers of positive COVID cases on our website under the “COVID 19” tab. Periodic informational emails or letters may be sent out to parents, students and staff should there be an outbreak of COVID during the school year.

For questions regarding this plan, please contact Nurse Chris Dugenske at 920-295-6571, extension 1400 or, to speak with an administrator, please contact Carrie Govek at extension 1522.