

PANDEMIC INFORMATION 2022-23

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recently updated its guidance on how people can protect themselves and others from COVID-19. The Ohio Department of Health is following that guidance for Ohio K-12 schools.

According to ODH:

“We now have much stronger immune resistance stemming from a combination of vaccines and prior illness. We have access to COVID-19 vaccines for children as young as six months. We also have widespread access to treatments proven to reduce the risk of serious illness and hospitalization for our most vulnerable Ohioans, including staff and family members of students who are more vulnerable to severe illness based on their age or medical conditions.”

With the new guidance shifting from contact tracing and investigation to focusing on high-risk environments, ODH is no longer recommending the “Mask To Stay, Test to Play” quarantine alternative for schools. Therefore, CARDINAL PACELLI will no longer be recommending the “Mask to Stay, Test to Play” quarantine alternative for schools. Instead, if students or staff feel sick or suspect they might have COVID-19, they should stay home and follow up with their healthcare provider for guidance.

If a student or staff member tests positive, students and staff should stay home from school for at least five (5) days and longer if necessary, until fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving. Additionally, after isolation ends, students and staff should continue to take precautions as they resume normal activities by wearing a mask for five (5) days (or after two negative tests 48 hours apart).

Cardinal Pacelli will work closely with our local health department to monitor community spread and make decisions about the best measures to protect students and staff based on what is happening in our community.

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