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Exclusion Guidelines and
Practices

Geneva 304 COVID-19 Updated Guidance

Recent Background

- Rise in Positivity Nationally, Regionally, Locally (Omicron)
- Intermittent Enhanced Mitigation Practices
- **Updated Guidance from CDC, IDPH, and KCHD**

**Ongoing Goal: Maintaining and Maximizing In-Person Learning

Following the Guidance

Updated Guidance Regarding Quarantine, Isolation, and Exclusion Practices

What Has Not Changed?

- Masking Guidance and Practices
- Distancing Guidance and Practices
- Cleaning and Air Practices
- Current Protocols for Learning, Co-Curricular, and Extra-Curricular Activities
- Ongoing Situational Monitoring

What Has Changed?

Updated Exclusion Guidance

- The CDC's new Isolation and Quarantine Guidance **shortened** the isolation and quarantine periods for the general public **to 5 days** (with some caveats).
- On January 6th The CDC clarified that these recommendations apply to K-12 Schools and released school-specific guidance.
- On January 7th, IDPH (and KCHD) and ISBE indicated that schools should align with the CDC's guidance and begin following the **5-Day Exclusion Practices**.
- Additional IDPH/ISBE regulations and guidance documents are expected to be released soon.

Updated Practices for Geneva 304



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Current Situational Guidance for Families and Staff

Geneva School District has received questions regarding school exclusion.

Below are the current protocols that Geneva 304 has been communicating to families for **what to do if your child is sick, has tested positive for COVID, or is a close contact to an individual who has COVID.**

Given the increased demand for this information, we are providing it to families and staff should you need it in a timely manner.

Please take the time to carefully read the sections that pertain to your family's situation.

▶ Symptomatic (vaccinated or not vaccinated) - [CLICK TO EXPAND](#)

▶ Confirmed COVID case - [CLICK TO EXPAND](#)

▶ Close contact, unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated - [CLICK TO EXPAND](#)

▶ Close contact, fully vaccinated or recent COVID illness w/in last 90 days - [CLICK TO EXPAND](#)

Continue to Report to Us

Call your school's attendance line if:

- Your child is sick (vaccinated or unvaccinated)
- Your child is unvaccinated and there is a pending test in the household not taken within 48 hours of symptom onset
- Your child has tested positive for COVID-19
- Your unvaccinated child is a close contact to a confirmed case (in the home, outside the home in the community, or at school)

Updated Practices: Confirmed COVID Case



▼ Confirmed COVID case - CLICK TO EXPAND

Exclusion from school/work is required.

Per IDPH, schools are required to exclude students or staff who test positive for at least 5 calendar days after their symptom onset or, if asymptomatic, 5 days after their positive test. Cases are reported by the school to the KCHD as per public health reportable disease requirements.

Return-to-school criteria:

- 5 full days have passed (the first day of symptoms is considered day zero; for those without symptoms the test date is day 0).
- You can end isolation on day 6 and return to school if you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved (Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay an individual returning to school).
- You should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10) after the end of your 5-day isolation period. If you are unable to wear a mask when around others, you should continue to stay home from school for a full 10 days.
- If you continue to have fever or your other symptoms have not improved after 5 days, you should wait until you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved. Continue to wear a well-fitting mask. Contact your healthcare provider if you have questions.
- If symptoms started more than 2 days before an individual's positive test, talk with your school nurse and the health department to determine return date.

Next Steps

- Implement New 5-Day Exclusion Procedures
- Maintain Current Mitigation Practices
- Continue Monitoring Cases and Numbers
- Review Forthcoming Guidance Documents and Current Practices
- Adjust Practices as Necessary



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