

January 10, 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It has been a great start back to school. It was great seeing all of the students again last week. We are looking forward to a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

**Unfortunately we have seen an increase of illness within our school, not all COVID related. Although, as of this morning we have 13 "Active Cases" in the school. According to the rubric sent out earlier in the year this would put us near 3% of active cases and move us to yellow level of risk. Masks will be required during all transitions, large group gatherings, and when social distancing or stable groups cannot be maintained. At this time, we will be in yellow level this whole week, so students need to have a mask with them to wear as needed according to the guidelines above. I will give you an update weekly as to when this status changes.**

The priorities of SJCS's COVID-19 response plan remains in effect. With the support of the Cole County Health Department, we will continue to monitor COVID-19 activity within the community and school environment. At this time we will be adjusting our quarantine and isolation protocols to align with the updated CDC guidelines. Below you will find the updated guidelines.

As always, we ask for your continued partnership as we maintain efforts to keep students healthy and learning. Please keep students out of school when they are sick or show any potential symptoms of COVID-19, and encourage them to take appropriate preventive measures both inside and outside of school. As a reminder, students should stay home until they are symptom or fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.

God Bless,  
Gina Bailey, Principal

## Update Covid-19 Positive/Quarantine Isolation Updates According to CDC Guidelines as of January, 2022

### **If You Tested Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)**

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

- Stay home for 5 days.
- At the end of your 5 days, test if possible. If your test is positive, continue to isolate for the next 5 days.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.
- If you are unable to wear a mask, then you should isolate for 10 days.
- Continue to wear a mask around other for 5 additional days

*If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.*

### **If You Were Exposed to Someone with Covid-19 (Quarantine)**

**If You:**

Are unvaccinated

Have been boosted

**OR**

Have positive COVID antibodies

**OR**

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months

**OR**

Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on day 5, if possible.

*If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.*

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**If You:**

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted

**OR**

Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago

**OR**

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- Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
  - If you can't quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.
  - Test on day 5.

*If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.*