

Peekskill City School District

Board of Education Meeting COVID-19 Update January 18, 2022





Contact Tracing Update (New Guidance - WDOH - Jan. 14 Memo)

Requirement:

- Schools are not required to conduct contract tracing
- Schools are required to have a system to identify affected students and notify parent/guardians of possible COVID exposures which occurred in the school setting

Our Plan Moving Forward:

- School personnel will contact the parents of the class(es) where an individual tested positive
- Parents will be notified if an individual tested positive on a bus, sports team or extra-curricular activity
- Parents may choose to have their child tested at Woodside Elementary or Pick Up a Test at the Family Resource Center.



Individuals who Test Positive (New Guidance - WDOH - Jan. 11 Memo)

Elementary Students and All Staff who Test Positive with NO Symptoms:

- The individual must isolate for at least 5 days.
 - Day 0 is the day of the positive COVID test.
 - Day 1 is the first full day after the positive COVID test.
- If they continue to have no symptoms, they can end isolation after at least 5 days.
- They should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others
 - Must wear at home and in public during days 6 through 10.
 - If they cannot, isolate for the full 10 days.
- If they develop symptoms after testing positive, the 5-day isolation period should start over.
 - Day 0 is the first day of symptoms.
 - Follow the recommendations for ending isolation for people who had COVID-19 and had symptoms.



Individuals who Test Positive (New Guidance - WDOH - Jan. 11 Memo)

Elementary Students and All Staff who Test Positive / WITH Symptoms:

- The individual must isolate for at least 5 days.
 - Day 0 is the day of the positive COVID test.
 - Day 1 is the first full day after the positive COVID test.
- The individual can end isolation after at least 5 days IF...
 - they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication; and
 - other symptoms have improved
 - Note: Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.
- They should continue to wear a **well-fitting mask around others** at home and in public during days 6 through 10. If they **cannot**, they should isolate for the full 10 days.
- DO NOT end isolation or come to school if they have a fever / symptoms have not improved.
 - Contact a healthcare provider.



Lunch in Schools

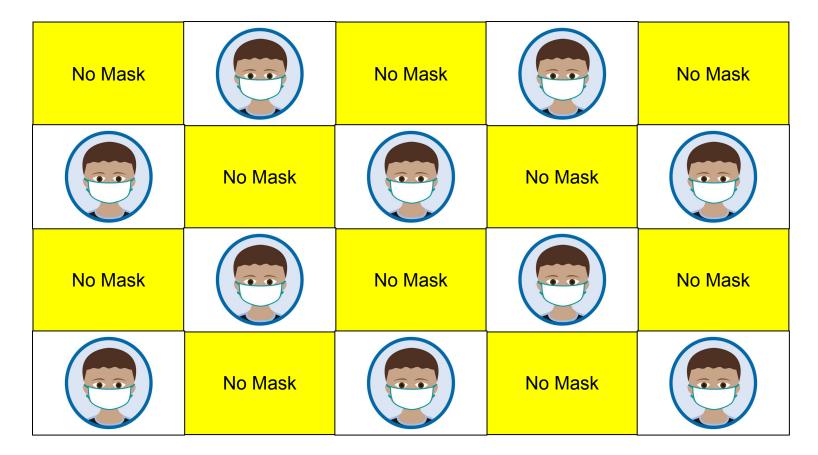
Elementary Schools:

- Students will eat 6 feet apart
- Shift to cafeteria and other spaces
- A <u>few</u> classes will continue to eat in the classroom where 6 feet can be maintained
- Students who test positive may remain on virtual instruction or attend school days 6 to 10.

Middle and High Schools:

- Students will continue to eat in the cafeteria
- Student enrollment numbers and space availability impact distance
- Students are not six (6) feet apart
- Students who test positive will remain on virtual instruction for 10 days

Elementary Breakfast and Snacks in Class





COVID-19 Weekly Testing (Students and Staff)

- Funded by the County
- Parent consent required
- Testing will continue past January until further notice
- Unvaccinated staff must continue to test weekly using the SalivaClear PCR Mirimus test
- If your child is out of school on the day of pick up (Tuesdays),
 - Please call the school on Monday, Tuesday
 - Pick test up on Tuesday
 - Must return by Wednesday at 9 AM
 - Company picks up on Wednesdays





COVID-19 Tests for Staff

- NYSDOH provided iHealth rapid antigen tests
- Staff members may pick up a COVID Tests for the following reasons:
 - a staff member is exhibiting symptoms, or
 - an asymptomatic unvaccinated/vaccinated staff member has been exposed to an COVID positive person
- Staff may pick up COVID tests from our Administration building / Human Resources Office from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.





Order Free COVID-19 Test

- Order free rapid COVID-19 test kits
- Visit government at the following website
 - www.covidtests.gov
- Four (4) test kits can be ordered per household.
- Share this information with your family and friends





COVID-19 Test Distribution for Students

- Coming Soon See information in this week's Friday Letter
- After-school Distribution Sites:
 - High School
 - Bohlmann Towers
 - Dunbar Heights





Comments / Questions

