

Esko Public Schools COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies 2022-2023 (Updated 8-25-22)

Esko Public Schools has updated COVID-19 protocol for the 22-23 school year, matching the August 11, 2022 release of new recommendations by the CDC. That release can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

In summary:

- Students who test positive for COVID-19, should stay home from school for 5 days from the time of symptom onset or a positive test.
- When calling the attendance secretary to report your student ill and excused, please indicate that your student has tested positive for COVID-19 as the school district will be required to report student case numbers to the Minnesota Department of Health on a bi-weekly basis.
- Students and staff who are exposed to a person who tests positive for COVID-19 are not required to quarantine when asymptomatic. The School District will not conduct contact tracing.
- As always, parents should use their judgment in determining when to keep students home (ill) and/or when to test children for COVID-19.
- The routine wearing of masks by students and staff is permissible but optional.
- All District procedures and practices are now the same for vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff, per CDC guidance.
- The District recommends that students and staff stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations.
- The District will continue to monitor local conditions and state and federal recommendations related to COVID-19, making revisions to school mitigation strategies as appropriate.