

2021-2022 Fabius-Pompey COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

The intention of these questions and answers is to be a resource for students, parents and all members of the school community as a way to get quick answers. The nurses, and other staff cannot be responsible for answers regarding COVID at all times, and so this will act as a quick resource. As more questions are asked, we will add more to this list, so this will be an evolving resource. These are the current answers as of September 7th, and are subject to change based upon decisions from the Health Department, the CDC, as well as the state of New York.

*A link to this will be posted on the main page of the Fabius-Pompey web-site, please check back for any updates or changes.

Masks
Are Masks required to be worn in all classrooms?
Masks are required in all classroom settings. The New York State Governor has mandated that masks be worn in all public schools throughout New York State.
Will there be mask breaks in school?
Yes, there will be mask breaks, in the same way that there were last year.
Do students have to wear masks when they are outside?
The recommendation is that students don't have to unless they are in close proximity to one another or in large groups. This applies to students in the elementary school during recess as well. If students are spaced out and not in groups, or mixed groups they will not need to wear masks.
Medical
My child has allergies, a runny nose, or cold symptoms. Does he/she need to stay home?
If your child's runny nose/congestion mirrors COVID-19 symptoms, he/she will need to stay home until he/she has been cleared by their family physician or had a negative COVID-19 test.
What are the symptoms that I should be aware of and watch for in my child?

Fever or chills
Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea

If your child has any of these symptoms, they must stay home from school, and may not return to school until they have been cleared by a Dr., or has a negative COVID test (and it must be brought in to the nurses' office prior to returning to school).

If my child is found to have any of the symptoms while at school, what happens?

Your child will be sent to the nurse and to the COVID room, and upon examination, you will be contacted to pick up your child. He/She will not be permitted to return to school until a Dr.'s note, or a negative COVID test can be provided.

*Please have a plan to have a secondary person to pick up your child in the event that you cannot pick them up within an hour.

What do I do if my child has any of the symptoms?

Do not send your child to school. Contact your Dr. or have them receive a COVID-19 test that will be turned into the school nurse showing a negative result before returning.

Do I have to complete the daily health check forms like last year for my child?

At this time, no. However, if students are being sent to school with symptoms routinely, we will go back to the forms as a check on a daily basis. Parents should be monitoring for any of the symptoms for COVID-19:

Fever or chills
Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

If your child has any of these symptoms, they should not be sent to school.

Quarantining

Will my child be quarantined if he/she is vaccinated?

Likely no. Vaccinated people do not need to quarantine, unless they begin to display symptoms. The CDC recommends that vaccinated people who are close contacts get tested 3-5 days after exposure to ensure that they are not infectious.

Who makes decisions regarding who gets quarantined?

The Onondaga County Health Department makes all decisions regarding quarantining. The district works in collaboration with the health department and makes contact with families in order to be as efficient as possible and ensure the health and safety of all involved.

How does the County determine who gets quarantined?

The latest guidance from the County defines close contact as:

Close contact is defined as:

- a. 6 ft X 10 minutes with or without a mask.
- b. 6 ft X 15 minutes cumulative within 24 hrs with or without a mask.

If there is a seating chart and mask guidelines are being followed, and distancing is followed the following rules apply:

For symptomatic case: Only those adjacent to the case can be considered for mandatory quarantine for 10 days. The rest of the class should be notified with recommendation to monitor for signs/symptoms for 10 days after exposure.

If mask rules, seating charts and distancing aren't followed, these are the rules regarding quarantining:

Symptomatic case in the classrooms:

- MQ students after 2 hour in a room, regardless of size, seating arrangements
- Teachers and TAs: MQ teacher after 2 hours in a room, regardless of size, seating arrangements

Vaccination status changes many of these stipulations as vaccinated staff and students are far less likely to get quarantined.

Who will contact me if my child is quarantined?

The school will most likely be the point of initial contact.

How long does quarantining last?

Quarantining lasts for 10 days from the date of exposure. If it is discovered that a student was a close contact to a positive case 5 days after it occurred, there will be 5 days left in the quarantine.

Remote Learning

Will Remote Learning be an option for my child this year?

There will not be a remote/hybrid option this year. Unless there is a dr. note saying there is a medical reason for not being in-person. "Medical tutoring" will be utilized.

What happens if my child is quarantined (in terms of instruction)?

Unless the school or a full class is quarantined, remote instruction will not be utilized like last year. Instead, support will be provided by teachers that sign up in advance to provide tutoring/support from either 3:30-5:30 or 5:30-7:30 virtually (this may vary by day). A schedule will be set-up with this. 1 to 2 teachers per evening is the goal (could increase). This can be used to reduce learning loss as well - as students can come for extra help during that time. **Cannot take the place of in-person instruction.** Attendance will be taken during this. Teachers will continue to use Google Classroom as this will aid in instructional consistency.

Social Distancing

What is the distance between seats in school?

The distance recommended by the CDC, as well as the Health Department is 3 feet. The District will be utilizing a minimum of 3 feet and in cases where possible 6 feet will be utilized.

Athletics

Can I come watch my child's game? Is there a limit to the number of spectators at an outdoor sports contest?

Yes, you can come watch your child's game. At this time there is no limit to the number of spectators at a contest. Spectators should, however, maintain social distancing at the event.

Do I have to wear a mask at a game if the game is outside?

All F-P sports games are outside during the fall. The current guidance is that spectators **can choose** to wear masks outside, but **should** if social distancing cannot be maintained or if in groups.

Transportation

Can my child ride in the same seat with another student on the bus?

The new recommendations allow for students that are not from the same household to sit together on the bus. They must be masked throughout the time on the bus.

Does my child have to wear a mask on the bus?

All people on the bus must wear masks throughout the ride on the bus.

Miscellaneous

Are all members of the faculty and staff required to get vaccinated?

All members of the faculty and staff must either be vaccinated or are subject to a weekly COVID-19 test based upon an Executive Order by the Onondaga's County Executive, and also through an order by the Governor of New York.