**Jones Elementary Covid-19 Frequently Asked Questions- Winter 2022**

*We are monitoring the COVID situation in our community very carefully and are in regular communication with district staff.*

*Please reference the SDUSD COVID Website: https://sandiegounified.org/covid-19_status*

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### What Masks Are Acceptable for My Child to Wear to School?

- Cloth masks alone are not as effective as other options and should be discouraged, although still allowed.
- **Students** are now strongly encouraged, but not required, to wear a well-fitting, non-cloth mask of multiple layers with a nose wire.
- We ask that every child wear a mask that is well-fitted to their face. If a mask is repeatedly falling down, we will give an alternative mask to the student.

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### We Are Hearing About Staffing Shortages. What is Jones Doing to Manage the Situation?

We are very much experiencing staff shortage amongst both our teaching and classified staff. We work hard each day to cover shortages with our current staff. We are also partnered with the district who sends relief staff when our staff needs hit a critical threshold. Due to this shortage, you can expect the following:

- Students may arrive to school and have a teacher other than their expected teacher (a sub or another staff member)
- Student services may be missed on one or more days due to staff covering classes/immediate needs
- There may be delays in response time for non-essential needs
- Meetings may be postponed or canceled

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### How Are Close Contacts/Quarantines Determined?

SDUSD is following protocols outlined by the San Diego County Office of Education. We utilize the County **decision tree** when determining close contacts and quarantine guidelines. You can utilize the County **e-decision tree** to see the steps we take.

In the event of a high number of cases (5 or more within a week), contact tracing will be replaced by the following Goal **Tracing for Close Contact Notification for Students** letter sent to all families.

In the event there is a high number of cases in a given classroom (outbreak), it is possible students in the class will be placed on a modified quarantine even if the group tracing letter is sent.

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### If My Child is Fully Vaccinated, How Does That Affect Protocols?

If your student is fully vaccinated (more than two weeks have passed since the second dose), your student will not be placed on a quarantine protocol if **asymptomatic**. If a student is symptomatic, even if vaccinated, the student will be asked to isolate for 5 days unless a negative PCR test is provided. Testing is still recommended for asymptomatic students between days 3-5 of positive exposure, but not required.

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### What Do I Do If My Child Has Symptoms or Is Exposed to COVID?

**Report Symptoms/COVID-19 Exposure to Our Office ASAP:**

If your students have any COVID-19 symptoms and/or has had a known exposure to someone with COVID-19, please keep them home and call/email the Jones Health Office for next steps before their return (619-605-8800 x3 or jbullock1@sandi.net). If your child becomes COVID positive, please use this **form** to report.
Who Does Contact Tracing When a Positive Case Happens?

When we are aware of a positive case on campus, we go through a careful process of questioning staff to determine who that child may have been in close contact with. Once close contacts are determined, depending on front office availability, we contact families. Our district is working with a contact tracing company as the volume is very high. That means you may be contacted by a contact tracer after school hours that is not a Jones employee.

In the event of a high volume of cases (5 plus across a week), the school will send the Group Tracing for Close Contact Notification for Students letter to notify all families of possible exposure. In this case, close contacts will not be individually contacted, rather the entire school would be considered a possible close contact.

What Are My Instructional Options if My Child is Exposed to COVID and Has to Quarantine?

Learning contracts are available for students who will be out for 3 days or longer. Please read this document to understand how to initiate a contract. Please note contracts can be up to 14 days in length.

What Kinds of Tests are Acceptable For My Child to Return to School?

Please see this document for Test Types

- If your child was a close contact and is on modified quarantine, a rapid antigen test, at home rapid antigen test or PCR tests can be used.
- If your child was symptomatic and tested positive for COVID, a rapid antigen test (after 5 days), at home rapid antigen test (after 5 days) or PCR tests can be used.
- If your child was asymptomatic and tested positive for COVID, a rapid antigen test, at home rapid antigen test or PCR tests can be used.

Free testing is available at many locations, insurance providers, and the county. Two free testing options open to SDUSD students are: SDUSD Education Center and Drive Up Testing Options

How Do I Report COVID Test Results to Jones?

- Results can be emailed to our Nurse nash@sandi.net or our Health Tech jbullock1@sandi.net Users can self report results by sending a
  - Picture or Screenshot
  - Document form (paper)
  - If negative you can physically bring in test kit with result

If you are having your child tested at a school district site (Ed Center or School) please see this document for how you will receive results.

What Testing Options Are Available on Campus?

Students can get tested at Jones on Thursdays by opting in to regular, on-site testing through Responsive Lab Partners. To opt in to testing, visit the Primary Health Portal to register for an account for your child. Please sign the consent in the portal and select the school that your child attends.

*Tests are administered by medical professionals provided by the company Responsive Lab Partners. They are also experiencing labor shortages. They do their best to assess all students on the list but it is possible due to staff shortages students may not get tested on a given week.

How Can My Family Support Jones’ Health and Safety Efforts?

- Screen Your Child Every Morning for Symptoms:

  Students with any of the following symptoms should stay home from school until a negative COVID-19 test can be confirmed and the symptoms improve:
● Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher) or chills
● Cough
● Headache
● Sore throat
● Loss of taste or smell that started in the last 10 days (Unlike the Delta variant, many patients with Omicron are not losing their taste or smell)
● Feeling out of breath or having a hard time breathing
● Diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting
● Fatigue
● Muscle aches or body aches

● **Review Health and Safety Protocols With Your Child Daily**
  ○ Properly fitted mask at all times
  ○ Hand washing and hand sanitizing

● **Opt Your Child in for Weekly Rapid Testing:** [Primary Health Portal](#)

● **Be Patient and Kind with Staff and Students**
  We are following protocols to ensure health and safety for our students. That means lots of contacts with parents regarding students going home and being put on modified quarantine or quarantine. We know this can be frustrating and impactful- it is for us too! Please be patient and kind with us as we navigate this very fluid situation.