



Winchester Public Schools

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR 2022-2023 "Launching into Healthy Learning"

The "Launching into Healthy Learning" initiative has been designed by the State Department of Education, Department of Public Health, and Office of Early Childhood for the Fall 2022-2023 school year. These strategies largely mirror the process that Winchester Public Schools implemented and adhered to beginning in March of 2022. Our goal throughout the pandemic was to offer and implement high-quality, safe, in-person learning for all students; that remains our core mission.

Below you will find helpful information related to the 2022-2023 school year and illnesses that students/staff may face.

COVID LIAISON	Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent remains the COVID-liaison for the district. All COVID-related questions should be directed to her. You may reach her at 860-921-1747 (call or text) or email at melony.brady-shanley@winchesterschools.org .
COVID – SELF-TESTING	Test kits are available to all staff and students, free of charge. You may obtain a kit by contacting a school nurse. Test kits are for those that have been exposed to a confirmed positive COVID case or are exhibiting symptoms.
TEST-MASK-GO	Students and/or staff members who have mild respiratory symptoms (infrequent cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, etc.) may use the "Test-Mask-Go" process under the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are fever-free <100 F, 2. Can wear a mask consistently while displaying mild respiratory symptoms, 3. Provide a negative test result to the COVID-liaison prior to reporting to school/work before 7 AM. Text a picture of the negative result to 860-921-1747. If we do not receive verification you may not report to school or work. This must be done for every day that you remain symptomatic.
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TEST-MASK-GO	Students and/or staff members who have a fever of >100f should not report to school/work until fever-free for 24 hours without medication. OR If they live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past two weeks and they have respiratory symptoms and/or fever of >100f. To return to school/work they must test negative and be fever free for 24 hours (without medication), test each morning for 5 days (submit results daily).
COVID+ CASES	Must be reported to the COVID-liaison immediately. Will need to quarantine for five days.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS

Students who are absent from school will be expected to complete all assignments in Google Classroom. They will be expected to complete all assignments within three days of their return. Once all items have been completed, they will receive credit for attendance. If no items are received, they will not receive credit for attendance or completion.