

Dear Springville Families and Community,

The CDC has released new quarantine and isolation guidelines within the past two weeks. After reviewing CDC guidelines for K-12 schools and Iowa Department of Public Health and LCPH most updated guidance, we have made some updates to our Health and Mitigation Protocols. Please review the following guidelines closely. After reviewing the protocol, please feel free to contact Nurse Lindsay, the principals or myself and we will do our best to answer any questions you may still have.

Students and teachers who test positive for COVID-19 should follow the recommendations of the CDC, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Linn County Public Health Department (LCPH).

Isolation:

Students and staff sick with COVID-19 should contact the school nurse for a return date and remain home until:

- At least 5 days since symptoms first appeared (first day of symptoms is day 0) AND,
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication AND,
- Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving.
- You should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10) after the end of your 5-day isolation period. **If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask when around others, you should continue to isolate for a full 10 days.**

Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have symptoms should contact the school nurse and remain home until:

- 5 days have passed since the test was performed. Day 0 is the day of your positive test date (based on the date the specimen was collected).
- If symptoms start developing after an asymptomatic positive test then symptom start day is day 0. Please communicate with the school nurse for an updated return date.
- You should continue to wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and in public for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10) after the end of your 5-day isolation period. **If you are unable to wear a mask when around others, you should continue to isolate for a full 10 days.**

The above isolation guidance applies to both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals.

Parents can choose to keep their child home for the full 10 day isolation rather than mask for days 6-10. Please keep in mind these are strict masking guidelines for school and school activities that your child will need to follow in order to come back to school on day 6.

Parents/guardians of elementary students will be notified of any cases of COVID within their child's grade or classroom. Per IDPH and LCPH no contact tracing will be completed nor any identifying information will be given out. Students who attend Kirkwood will need to follow

Kirkwood protocols and procedures in regards to attending classes at the Jones Regional Facility. Please contact Kirkwood with any questions. Also, if the Springville CSD attendance rate becomes 10% or above, we will send out communication to the families and community to inform everyone.

Per the CDC, “Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as [influenza](#) (flu) or [COVID-19](#), should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care, regardless of vaccination status. Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of schools and prevent spread to others.”

Guidance for COVID-19 is ever changing and if we receive any new guidance that impacts our health and mitigation protocols, we will be sure to communicate any changes that are made. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our students and staff healthy as we all continue to navigate the school year with COVID-19. Again, please feel free to contact Nurse Lindsay, the principals or myself and we will do our best to answer any questions. Please stay safe everyone!

Professionally,

Pat Hocking, Superintendent
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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-contact-tracing/about-isolation.html>