

It is likely that Covid-19 will continue to cycle seasonally. Based on that we are treating Covid-19 endemically like the flu.

1. Masks are optional for staff, students, visitors, and sporting events.
2. If someone is sick, they should stay home regardless of diagnosis. If you are Covid-19 positive, your nurse will have you isolate for 5 days.
3. We will no longer be sending close contacts home to quarantine.
4. We do not require tests to return (PCR tests can stay positive for up to 3 months after infection and rapid tests can stay positive up to 10 days after infection per Dr Rochelle Walensky, Director of the CDC).
5. We also do not require masks on return (Masks are optional per Governor Youngkin's Executive Order #2 regardless of what any state authority says, and our School Board voted on this on 2/7/2022).
6. It is still best practice to encourage hand washing and respiratory etiquette and to maintain clean classrooms.
7. Please be aware, if staff is out for Covid-19, they will have to use their sick time effective 7/1/22

Nurses: If we have 3 or more students sick in a class over 14 days, we are required to report it to VDH. We should also report identification of multiple cases comprising greater than 10% of a group/population without well-defined epi-links (e.g., in a grade, among teachers, school-wide, etc). (This will be determined between the nursing staff, and the Nursing Supervisor. The Nursing Supervisor will report to VDH as deemed necessary.)

