



South Fayette Township School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We want to thank you for your continued support and patience. Over the past eight weeks, the District has worked to keep our schools open for in-person learning while navigating the impact of the Omicron variant and return after the holiday break.

- The District has been monitoring the COVID data collected over the past eight weeks. Because of the data collected, the District will begin revising or consider revising current protocols.
- Effective February 16, 2022, the District will no longer mandate quarantine for close contacts who are asymptomatic. Quarantine will be optional for students identified as close contacts and who are asymptomatic and optional quarantine will not be held against a student's attendance.
- The District will continue to conduct contact tracing and inform parents via an automated phone call and email when a student is identified as a close contact. A parent will have the option to keep a child in quarantine, or the student may return to school.
- If a student is identified as a close contact, parents are asked to monitor their child for symptoms. If a child is showing any symptom, we ask that the parent report this to the school nurse immediately using the following link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRjKGPp7oHtpTOdsQH67Xw2YeUF5TxHjdbwRcA0JbtLsm0LA/viewform> This link can also be found on our website under the COVID 19 tab.
- The District will no longer require elementary or intermediate students to wear a mask during outside recess. When recess is inside the building, all students are required to follow our universal masking policy.
- The District will not require alternative lunch locations for students who are close contacts. The District will, however, require students who have returned to school after testing positive sit in an alternative lunch location through their 10th day of being positive for COVID. The District will work with families to make this location as supportive and appropriate for students as possible.
- At this time, the District will continue with universal masking. The District will continue to gather data and continue to consider recommendations regarding masking by the medical community. As always, masks are available to students should there be need.

We look forward to our continued partnership with families in supporting the health and safety of our students, families, and community as well as promoting a positive and enriching learning experience for your child.

Thank you,
Dr. Michelle Miller, Superintendent of Schools