

HAWTHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Exclusion Update

January 2022

These guidelines go into effect on Monday, January 10, 2022. Anyone who was quarantined prior to these guidelines being implemented should complete their quarantine period before returning to in-person instruction.

***** When calculating exclusion please note exposure day or testing day is considered Day 0*****

Scenario	Time Out of School/Work
Tested Positive	Excluded for school or work for 10 days
Close Contact Vaccinated or Recently Positive (must show positive PCR result within 90 days)	Will be notified of the contact date. Student/Staff does not quarantine if symptom-free. Encouraged to get tested with a PCR/NAAT on days 5-7 If symptoms arise, must begin quarantine/test. See guidelines for unvaccinated close contacts below.
Close Contact - Unvaccinated	Must stay out of school and <u>take a PCR or NAAT test on days 5-7.</u> If negative students/staff may return to school on <u>day 8.</u> School nurse will review the test date range with you. If you choose <u>not to have a test</u> you may return to school after 10 day quarantine.
Household Contact - Vaccinated	Student/Staff does not quarantine if symptom-free. Encouraged to get tested with a PCR on days 5-7. If symptoms arise, must begin quarantine/test. See guidelines for unvaccinated household contacts below.
Household Contact Unvaccinated	Must stay out of school and <u>take a PCR or NAAT test on days 5-7.</u> If negative students/staff may return to school on <u>day 8.</u> School nurse will review the test date range with you. If you choose <u>not to have a test</u> you may return to school after 10 day quarantine. If symptoms arise, students must follow the COVID-19 symptomatic individual guidelines.
Exhibiting COVID 19 symptoms	Must stay out of school and <u>take a PCR or NAAT.</u> If you have a negative PCR or NAAT test, students or staff may return to school following the NJDOH school exclusion guidelines. If you choose <u>not to have a test</u> you may return to school after 10 day quarantine.

Student/Staff awaiting COVID test results (regardless of reason for testing)	May not attend school until you receive a negative test result.
If any member of your household is awaiting test results	<p>Unvaccinated student/staff: May not attend school/work until the family member or housemate receives a negative test result.</p> <p>Vaccinated student/staff: May attend school as usual. Monitor for signs/symptoms of COVID; do not attend if symptomatic.</p>
<p>Travel - Unvaccinated **Both International & Domestic</p> <p>Travel - Vaccinated **International Travel Only</p>	<p>Domestic and international travelers who are not fully vaccinated should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Get tested with a PCR or NAAT test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if they test negative. ● If testing is not completed post-travel, individuals should self-quarantine for 10 days ● If your test is positive, isolate for 10 days <p>Stay home AND Get tested with a PCR or NAAT test 3-5 days after travel. Students / staff may return to school upon receipt of a negative test.</p>

Testing Guidance

As per the NJDOH K-12 guidance,

- PCR or NAAT test with accompanying lab report is needed to decrease quarantine time and return to school/work.
- Rapid Antigen tests will be accepted to show a positive result and start a quarantine time frame.
- At home tests **can** be used to show a positive result and start a quarantine time frame
- At home tests **can not** be used to shorten quarantine or show a negative test result.