



Chelsea Public Schools  
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Superintendent

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Dear CPS Families,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and had a great break. As we return to school this week, I wanted to provide you with updates on COVID-19 protocols at schools, and resources available to you:

**COVID-19 Testing Availability in Chelsea:**

Free COVID-19 tests are available in Chelsea for parents and families. A testing site at Saint Rose Church (580 Broadway) is open seven days a week (Monday-Sunday) from 1:00-5:00. More testing options and COVID-19 resources is available on our website here: <https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2624>. If your student tests positive, please contact your home school immediately. Please do not send them to school until they have completed their isolation period.

**Reduced Isolation Period for those who test Positive for COVID-19:**

In line with policy changes by the CDC, CPS students with COVID-19 will now need to isolate for 5 days instead of 10. Students can now return to school after 5 days of isolation **IF** they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever or productive cough for 24 hours). Upon returning, students must wear a mask while around others for an additional five days.

**Free Routine (Weekly) Testing at School:**

We encourage all CPS students to participate in our weekly pool testing program, particularly now with cases rising in our area and throughout Massachusetts. The pool testing program has been incredibly effective at keeping our school community safe. If you have not consented or would like to change your consent from "no" to "YES", please do so at <https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma?district=null>. If you have already consented and your child is participating in this program, no action is required.

**Test and Stay Program:**

Our Test & Stay program allows children, who have been defined as a close contact, to continue to attend school by testing each day at school for 5 days (not including weekends). Only those children who have consented "YES" to testing (see above) are eligible for the Test & Stay program. Those who have not consented to testing will have to quarantine at home if defined as a close contact. Fully vaccinated children (two weeks following the completion of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine process or two weeks following a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) and those children who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days do not have to participate in Test & Stay to remain in school.

**Masking:**

Students are required to wear a properly fitting mask to school each day. Please be sure to emphasize how important it is that your child wear a mask at all times (except instances where they are eating or drinking) during the school day. This is an important safety measure as COVID-19 cases continue to rise

**COVID-19 Resources Page:**

You can read up-to-date information on COVID-19 resources available to you on our website here: <https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2624>

Sincerely,

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