

RRCA COVID Protocols

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Positive COVID Cases

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19. If a student is experiencing symptoms and they take a COVID test, they must stay at home until the results of that test.

Round Rock Christian will require that any student or staff who has COVID – 19 to not attend school and isolate until the conditions for readmission criteria have been met.

The readmission criteria is as follows:

If a student or staff member receives a positive COVID diagnosis and are symptomatic, they must isolate for at least 5 days from the date of symptoms onset and are fever free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.

Asymptomatic staff and students who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home until 5 days after the day they received the positive test or retest with a negative test, whichever occurs first.

If a staff member or student is COVID positive, RRCA is required to notify the Williamson County Health Department.

Close Contacts

While RRCA is not required to conduct COVID-19 case investigations, local public health entities have authority to investigate cases and are currently engaged in cooperative efforts on that front. Participation by individuals in these investigations remains voluntary.

If RRCA is made aware that a student is a close contact, we will notify the student's parents. Parents who desire, may send their student to school as long as they continue to be symptom free.

According to the guidance, parents of students who are determined to be close contacts of an individual with COVID-19 may opt to keep their child at home for 5 days after exposure.

Parents who opt to send their children to school for the 5 days following exposure are encouraged to closely monitor their children for symptoms. As long as those children remain symptom free they are clear to attend classes. It is suggested that a close contact test on Day 5 or when symptoms present.

The CDC states that individuals will not need to quarantine if they have been fully vaccinated or they have been previously diagnosed with COVID -19 in the last three months.

If exposure has occurred with the household, RRCA will require that a student stay at home for 5 days, unless they have been fully vaccinated or have previously been diagnosed with COVID -19 in the last 3 months.

For staff who meet the close contact threshold with a COVID-19 positive individual, if they are symptom free these individuals may continue to work on campus. Staff members who meet the close contact threshold will be tested on Day 5 unless symptoms begin to present earlier.

Early Childhood/Elementary Classroom Notification - If the positive case occurs in an Early Education or Elementary classroom, RRCA will notify the parents in that classroom that a positive case has occurred. Notification may not be made if the positive case has not been present in the classroom for the 48 hours preceding the positive diagnosis.

Secondary Notification - If the positive case occurs in a Secondary Classroom, the student will provide the names of the RRCA individuals that they were in close contact within the 48 hours prior to the positive diagnosis. RRCA will contact the parents of Secondary students who are identified as close contacts to discuss next steps.

In both cases, parents may opt to send their children to school as long as they are symptom free or may opt to keep their child home for 5 days. Students who have been vaccinated or have had COVID in the last 90 days are encouraged to attend school in person as long as they are symptom free.

In all close contact cases, RRCA will discuss the specific details with the parents to and make appropriate recommendations.

Masks

Masks are optional for RRCA students and staff. Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-38 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CDC recommends masks for COVID positive individuals after they return to school and for close contacts for 5 days.

Testing

To help mitigate the risk, RRCA chooses to participate in the school testing program. RRCA will not conduct a test on a student without parent permission. In the event that RRCA tests availability is limited, RRCA may only be able to test asymptomatic students and staff.

Vaccines

In Texas, the COVID-19 vaccine is **NOT** required for people enrolled in child-care/Pre-K facilities, K-12 schools, colleges, or universities.

Common Sense Approach

In all cases and close contacts, RRCA will evaluate each on a case-by-case basis. With the milder, widespread Omicron variant, it is our hope that COVID 19 will soon become an endemic and be treated as a virus such as the flu. Our protocols reflect the transition from pandemic to endemic.