



## COVID – 19 Safety Guideline for the 2022-23 School Year

To: All South Bend Community School Corporation Employees  
From: Human Resources

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Subject: Covid-19 Guidelines for 2022-23 school year

South Bend Community School Corporation (SBCSC) will continue to focus on keeping students and staff safe from the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring that everyone has the information and tools needed to lower their risk of infection.

- Due to higher immunization rates and lower infection rates, masking for ALL is no longer required. However, we support our students and staff who wish to continue wearing a mask for their personal health.
- Recommended testing of asymptomatic people without known exposures will no longer be recommended in most community settings.
- Students and staff that come in contact with a positive case are no longer required to quarantine.

**Based on information from the St. Joseph County Health Department, the Indiana Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control, SBCSC will use the following Covid-19 safety guidelines to begin the 2022-23 school year:**

The organization continues to require that individuals who test positive for COVID-19 report their illness. Students and parents should call the designated school. Employees should call the benefits department (574-393-6075). Further instruction concerning isolation dates and requirements will be provided. Your cooperation with this process is vital to the safety of the community as the district is expected to assist local health departments with notification in the event of an outbreak or cluster.

All SBCSC employees are required to use their benefit days if they are infected with Covid-19. Please call the Human Resource Office if you have further questions (574-393-6075).

Regardless of immunization status, if you test positive for Covid-19, students and staff are required to isolate themselves from others for 5 days.

- The 5 days are calculated from the first day symptoms appear, not the day of testing results. For example, Connie began feeling ill on Monday. She tested on Wednesday and received a positive result. Her five days would start from Monday.
- Upon returning to school or work, the individual should wear a mask or face covering of their choice for 5 additional days.
- If after 5 days you are fever-free for 24 hours without medication, and your symptoms are improving, or you never had symptoms, you may end isolation after day 5.
- After an individual's isolation period has ended, if your COVID-19 symptoms worsen, restart your isolation at day 0.

We also ask that individuals be isolated if they are feeling sick and suspect they are infected with COVID-19, even when they do not yet have test results.

- If you receive a positive test result, follow 5-day isolation.
- If your results are negative, you can end your isolation.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, vaccines have been studied by experts and are a safe, effective, and highly successful way to prevent severe illness and death. Visit [OurShot.gov](https://www.ourshot.gov) for more information on finding a vaccination site near you.

We will continue to communicate with our school community as we receive additional information from state or local health departments. Your cooperation and teamwork in keeping students and staff safe is recognized and appreciated.