

Rivergate Adventist Elementary

COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

In line with current CDC recommendations and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) guidelines we have adjusted our Isolation, Quarantine, and Close Contact protocols. Additionally, we have entered a voluntary testing program designed to keep students safely in school when there has been a COVID-19 exposure on campus.

Isolation: Isolation is when someone who has COVID-19 stays home and away from others regardless of vaccination status.

Who must Isolate: Any student and staff who tests positive for COVID-19 by a molecular or antigen test. They can return to school when:

- Five (5) days have passed since symptom onset, or since positive test specimen collection date if no symptoms are present:

AND

- No symptoms are present, or symptoms are resolving;

AND

- There is no fever within the past 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications.

Students and staff should continue monitoring for symptoms and wearing a well-fitting mask around others through day ten (10) both in and out of school, including during extracurricular and sports activities.

Quarantine: Quarantine is when someone who has been exposed to COVID-19 stays home and away from others for the recommended period of time.

Who must Quarantine: Students and staff who come into close contact with someone with COVID-19 should quarantine for at least five (5) days [day 0 through day 5] after their last close contact with a person who has COVID-19 if they are in one of the following groups

- Ages 18 or older and completed the primary series of recommended vaccine but have not received a recommended booster shot when eligible.
- Those who have received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine (completing the primary series) over 2 months ago and have not received a recommended booster shot.

- Those who are not vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series. For household exposures this would be the last day the person with COVID-19 is considered infectious.

Close Contact: Rivergate Adventist Elementary has received approval to participate in the *Test to Stay Program* through OHA to help reduce the number of days students who are identified as COVID-19 close contacts at school must quarantine.

Test to Stay Program: This is a voluntary program where, with parental consent, students may participate in a COVID-19 testing program designed for those who are unvaccinated and test positive for COVID-19 after having close contact of an individual at school. This program is not available to students who are exposed at home or during non-school events or gatherings.

Previously, unvaccinated students who were designated as close contacts were required to quarantine at home for 14 days regardless of whether the contact took place at school or not. The goal of the program is to allow unvaccinated students who are identified as close contacts at school to remain in school as long as they are symptom-free and test negative for COVID-19. If your child is required to quarantine because they are considered a close contact, they have three (3) options.

Option A: Test to Stay - Return to School

- If they do not have any symptoms, they may test on Day 0/1 and Day 5 and remain on campus.
- Sign a consent form at the first test, to agree to the *Test to Stay Program*.
- You will receive communication from the school with the testing dates specific for your child.
- Take your child to be tested on those morning at the designated location at school.

Option B: Modified Quarantine - 5 days

- Keep child at home and have them tested on Day 5, if negative, they may return to school on Day 6.

Option C: Full Quarantine - 10 days

- Keep child at home for 10 days then they may return to school on day 11.

If your student has been identified as a close contact and they are vaccinated or have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days, they are not required to quarantine as long as they have NO symptoms. To participate in the *Test to Stay Program* please complete the release form available through the school principal.