

January 5, 2022

Dear Mayfield teachers, staff, parents and community,

Welcome back to the 2021-22 school year.

As we have said throughout the pandemic, keeping our students, teachers and staff safely learning in person, in school is our top priority.

We strongly believe our students' academic and social/emotional needs are best met together through in-person learning.

Late last week, the Ohio Department of Health announced that it has aligned with CDC's recently updated quarantine and isolation guidance. The most recent updates are below.

Positive or presumed positive COVID:

The CDC has shortened the recommended time for isolation for people with COVID-19, if asymptomatic, from ten (10) days to five (5) days, followed by five (5) days of wearing a mask when around others.

• Those with COVID-19 who are experiencing symptoms <u>should not</u> return to school or activities until they are symptom-free.

Exposure in a school setting:

• We will continue to notify anyone who is considered a close contact to an infected individual at school.

Close contacts in a school setting will not be required to quarantine as long as they are symptom-free and able to wear a mask.

Individuals should test after day five (5) of the exposure.

Exposure outside of school:

If a student or staff member is exposed to COVID-19 (considered a close contact) or someone in your home has COVID-19, you <u>must</u> keep your child home from school to quarantine.

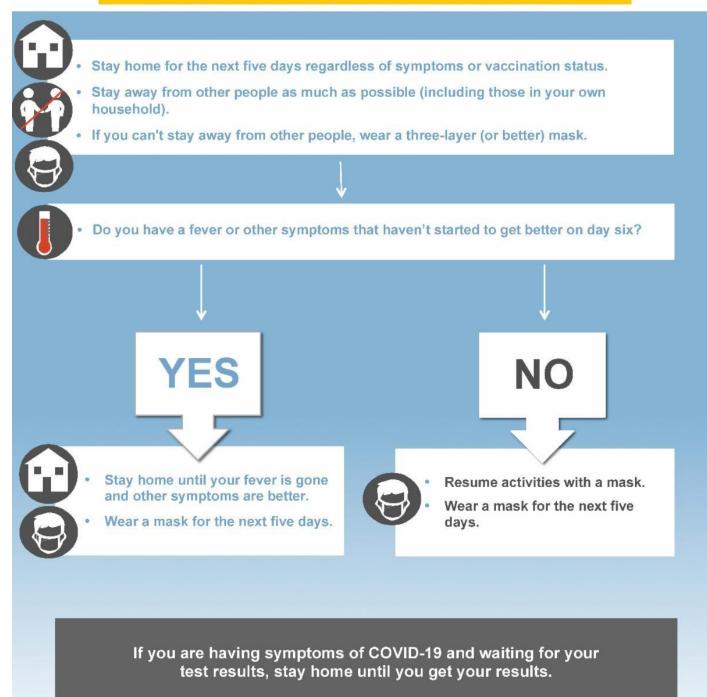
Individuals may return five (5) days from the last exposure to the positive case, i.e. proper isolation was maintained throughout, as long as they are symptom-free and able to wear a mask. The only exception to having to quarantine is if the person:

- Is fully vaccinated.
- · Is totally symptom free.
- Will wear a mask for 10 days.

• Please contact your child's school office to report the quarantine absence, which will be excused. They will be able to guide you through when your child can return to school based on dates of exposure and how to access school work. Individuals should test after day five (5) of the exposure. **Ohio** Department of Health

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE COVID-19

Regardless of Symptoms or Vaccination Status



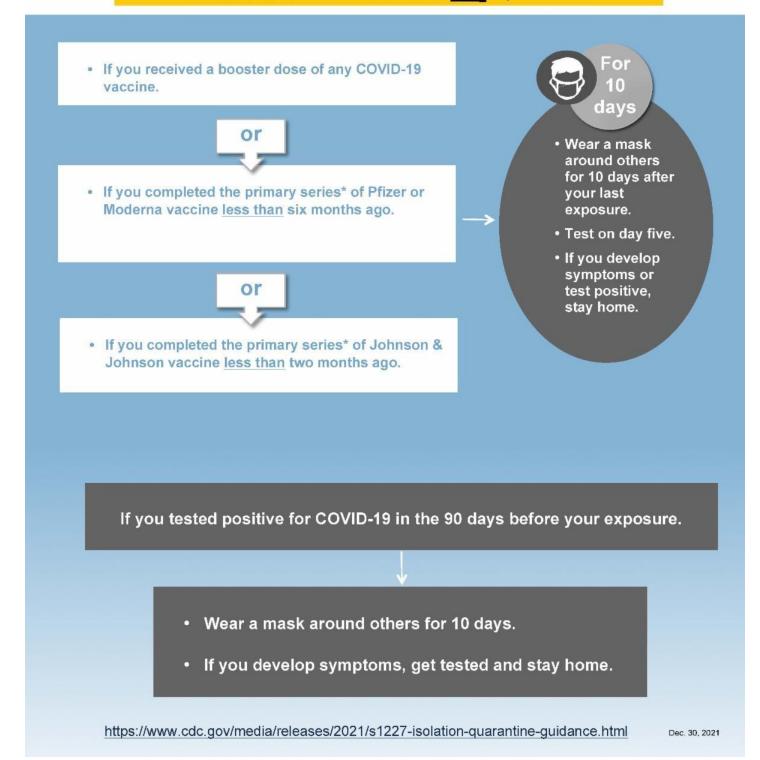
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Dec. 30, 2021



WHAT TO DO IF YOU WERE <u>EXPOSED</u> TO SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID-19**

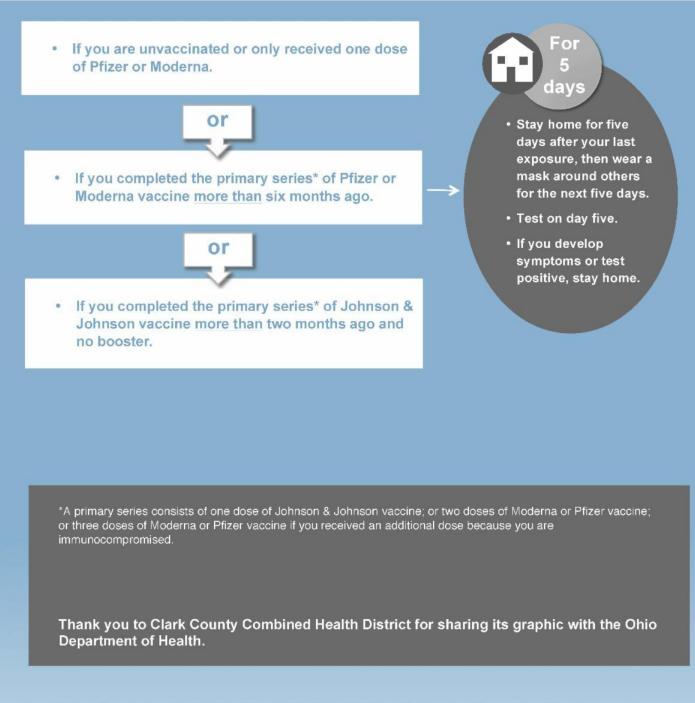
And, Your COVID-19 Vaccines Are Up-to-Date



Ohio Department of Health

WHAT TO DO IF YOU WERE <u>EXPOSED</u> TO SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID-19**

And, You are Unvaccinated or Your Vaccines Are Not Up-to-Date



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Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19 and variants, we have developed strategies in the event short-term staffing shortages occur. Your continued patience regarding bus transportation is appreciated as we navigate driver staffing challenges, as well.

We continue to track and monitor COVID-19 cases in our school district among our students, teachers and staff. Cases can be found on our <u>COVID-19 dashboard</u> which is updated Monday-Friday. Students, teachers and staff should stay home from school if they are not feeling well, are waiting on COVID 19 test results, or if they are seeking a test for them or another household member.

At this time, the district's mask mandate for all students Pre-K-12, teachers and staff will remain in effect at least through January 17, 2022.

Our COVID-19 REPORTING HOTLINE for Mayfield City Schools can be reached 24/7 at 440.995.6886 or email covidreporting@mayfieldschools.org