

COVID-19 Protocols for the 2023-2024 School Year

The Virginia Department of Health recommends that schools follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Operational Guidance for schools. Newport News Public Schools will follow the guidance from the CDC and continue to offer COVID-19 test kits to families and staff as needed.

Important strategies for staying safe from COVID-19 include:

- Staying up to date on vaccinations
- Staying home from school and work when sick
- Practicing proper handwashing and cough/sneeze etiquette
- Allowing mask wearing
- Isolation for those who test positive for COVID for 5 days, returning to school or work on day 6 wearing a well-fitted mask. Isolating for a full 10 days for those unable to wear a well-fitted mask.

Parent/guardians should notify the school nurse if their child tests positive for COVID. Outbreaks of COVID will be reported to the local health district.