

Dear Zion Parents,

Recently the CDC updated guidelines for those who either have COVID or are exposed to it in the home. After investigating what these updates will mean for the Zion community, we want to share the following:

- If a student tests POSITIVE:
 - They are to stay home for 5 days from the date of symptom onset, or from the COVID test date if asymptomatic.
 - After 5 days, IF the student has no symptoms or the symptoms are resolving, then they can return to school IF THEY ARE WILLING TO WEAR A MASK FOR THE NEXT 5 DAYS (days 6-10).
 - If the student is not willing to or is unable to wear a mask for days 6-10, they are to stay home for the remainder of the 10-day isolation period.
- If a student is EXPOSED to a POSITIVE COVID case in your household:
 - Assuming they are able to isolate from the positive case:
 - They are to stay home for 5 days.
 - On day 5, if there are no symptoms, they can test for COVID, and if negative, they can return to school with no need to wear a mask. They need to continue to isolate from the positive case in the household for the entire 10 days.
 - If they cannot isolate from the positive COVID case, then they will need to remain home for 10 days from the most recent exposure date. No mask would be required upon returning to school.

For further information or to clarify the above procedures, please contact our school nurse, Nancy Henkel, LPN, at nurse@zionmayer.org or by Fast Direct. If you are unable to reach Nancy, then please reach out to Mr. Baumann at jbaumann.zion@gmail.com or 952-657-2339. As always, be sure to contact your family's doctor for further guidance and assistance for any medical condition that affects your family.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we navigate the challenges presented by COVID.

In His Service,

Joshua Baumann, School Administrator