

DATE: March 18, 2022

TO: APTS Parents/Guardians, APTS Staff, Local Education Agency Representatives

FROM: APTS Executive Team

RE: Updates to COVID-19 Reopening Plan of Action

Based on guidance from the APTS school nursing team, APTS is maintaining layered prevention strategies for COVID-19 including self-screening, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick, testing, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection. Masks were made optional for staff beginning March 10, 2022, apart from individuals assisting with food preparation and delivery. COVID-19 prevention strategies will be reviewed and updated regularly based on COVID-19 metrics in the region and COVID-19 case data from APTS schools. APTS considers fully vaccinated to be 2 Pfizer/Moderna vaccines or 1 J&J vaccine. Additional procedures are detailed below. Please review the updated plan in its entirety to see all changes.

For individuals positive for COVID-19:

Individuals must isolate for 10 days since symptoms appeared/or positive test date and be fever free without fever reducing medication. (The CDC and VDH states time can be shortened if you are able to wear a well-fitting mask days 5-10. Since the majority of APTS students are unable to wear a mask, APTS will maintain a 10-day isolation period).

For fully vaccinated close contacts:

Asymptomatic individuals can remain at work/school. If the individual develops symptoms, they need to be cleared by the nursing department prior to entering the building. Nursing staff recommends testing on day 5 if supplies are available.

For close contacts that are not fully vaccinated:

Individuals will remain out for 5 days, get tested on the 5th day and provide a negative result prior to return/entering the building.

Parents/guardians will make an appointment with the school nurse for drive-through testing.

Due to supply issues, parents/guardians are asked to bring their own rapid COVID-19 test to the appointment for the school nurse to administer.

If the individual is unable to be tested, they will remain out for 10 days.

If the individual develops symptoms, they need to be cleared by the nursing department prior to entering the building.

For fully vaccinated individuals living with a COVID-19 positive individual (unable to fully separate):

Individuals will remain out for 5 days. The nursing team recommends testing on day 5 and providing a negative result prior to return/entering the building.

If the individual develops symptoms, they need to be cleared by the nursing department prior to entering the building.

For individuals that are not fully vaccinated and living with a COVID-19 positive individual (unable to fully separate):

Individuals will remain out for 10 days. The nursing team recommends testing after day 10 and providing a negative result prior to return/entering the building. If unable to get testing, the individual should remain out an additional 5 days.

If the individual develops symptoms, they need to be cleared by the nursing department prior to entering the building.

For individuals returning from international travel:

Vaccinated individuals must test negative prior to building entry.

Not fully vaccinated individuals must stay home and self-quarantine for a full 5 days after travel.

Note: If an individual has had COVID-19 in the last 90 days they will follow the procedures for fully vaccinated individuals. Additionally, they will not be required to quarantine if they are residing with COVID-19 positive individuals and unable to fully separate. Proof of positive or negative test results may be requested by APTS.

Students will access learning virtually during any quarantine period, as health allows.