

Updated proposals for School Board approval from 2/7/22 Policy Committee meeting.

- The building thresholds are set by totaling the number of confirmed positive COVID cases (which would then **require masks for staff and students for 5 days**): RVHS: 5 cases; RVMS: 4 cases; RVE: 3 cases; and RV ELC: 2 cases. (This is a decrease from the previous 10 days of masking after reaching a building threshold.)
- If the building has met the masking threshold, this mask requirement will apply to all indoor activities (24 hours a day / 7 days a week) for anyone who enters the school.
- A masking exception will be made for participants during athletic **competition** and co-curricular **performances**.
- If a staff member or student tests positive, he/she will be **isolated at home for 5 days from the start of symptoms**. The individual may return to school on day 6 only if the individual is fever free for 24 hours without medication, symptoms have decreased, and a **mask is carefully worn for days 6-10**.
- Individuals with symptoms who refuse testing would be treated as a positive case. After the **5 day isolation at home**, the individual may return to school on day 6 only if the individual is fever free for 24 hours without medication, symptoms have decreased, and a **mask is carefully worn for days 6-10**. (Currently they are required to stay home for 10 days from the start of their symptoms.)
- **Masking is required at school** for household close contacts for 10 days from the date of the most recent positive household test. If there is a confirmed positive COVID case in the home, all members exposed will be masked at school for 10 days. Families will be encouraged to test on day 5/6.

The nursing department is requesting that if we move to these changes, the changes would be made effective for Monday, February 14, to give us a day to draft education for students returning for days 6-10 as well as notify individuals who are already out of isolation..

The nursing department understands that with the ongoing changes throughout the pandemic, our practices may be adapted to fit the current recommendations made by the CDC, DHS and DPI as seen fit by our School Board.

Below are highlighted areas to consider with moving to a 5 day isolation period for positive individuals.

- COVID-positive individuals on days 6-10 are to wear a tight-fitted mask at all times. We will rely heavily on these individuals to follow the education provided during their initial discussion with the nurses about their return dates and symptom monitoring. Teachers and staff would be made aware of who should be masking and for how many days in order to help implement this.
- The CDC also recommends that individuals who return to school for days 6-10 following a positive test or household contact should not eat or drink near other individuals. Breakfast, snacks and lunch can present challenges for staffing and space for these individuals.
- Moving to a 5 day isolation period poses potential increased exposures for high risk individuals when an individual returns to school for days 6-10 following a positive test.
- Dr. Furukawa's recommendation is for masking to remain at 10 days when we meet a building threshold.. The nursing staff would like to abide by Dr. Furukawa's recommendation.