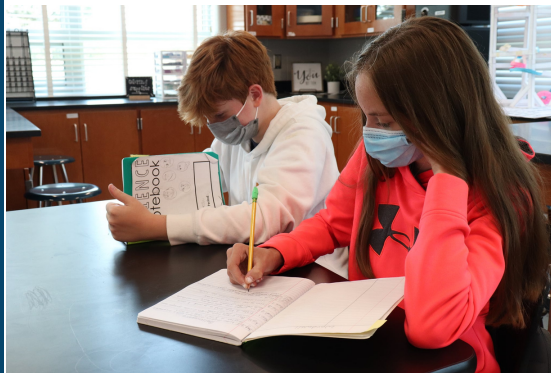




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Updated COVID-19 Prevention Measures

Lawrence Public Schools continues to explore ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the highly contagious delta variant in our school community. Effective September 27, 2021, the district will implement additional contact tracing, quarantine, and COVID-19 testing procedures in partnership with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and in keeping with updated school guidance released by Lawrence-Douglas County Public Health (LDCPH) on September 10, 2021.

Additional Contact Tracing Procedures

When our schools receive a report of a positive COVID-19 case, school health services staff will continue to work closely with LDCPH staff to conduct contact tracing. This process identifies close contacts: anyone within 6 ft. for more than ten minutes or at risk of exposure to the respiratory particles (saliva or mucus) of an infectious individual at school or a school activity.

Per LDCPH's updated school guidance, contact tracers will now take into account low-risk vs. high-risk activities. To determine low or high risk, school health staff will consider proper and consistent mask wearing and appropriate or 3-6 ft. distancing.

STUDENTS IDENTIFIED BY SCHOOL HEALTH STAFF AS CLOSE CONTACTS AT LOW RISK OF EXPOSURE WILL NOT NEED TO QUARANTINE AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN SYMPTOM-FREE.

Find more information about rapid antigen testing & instructions to provide consent in PowerSchool for your student's participation at www.usd497.org/COVID19.



Rapid Antigen
(nasal swab)
Test

KDHE Testing Program: Test to Stay, Learn, Play, & Participate

School health or designated staff will provide daily rapid antigen (nasal swab) testing during the 10-day quarantine period for students identified as close contacts **AT HIGH RISK OF EXPOSURE**. Informed consent must be provided and the student must be willing to participate in the testing.

Quarantine Procedures

Students identified by school health staff as close contacts **AT HIGH RISK OF EXPOSURE** must quarantine for 10 days from the date of exposure.

QUARANTINE EXCEPTIONS:

- 1) Provide school health or designated staff proof of being fully vaccinated (two weeks after final dose of vaccine) and remain symptom-free.
- 2) Provide school health or designated staff proof (a PCR or antigen test or a note from the local health department) of testing positive for COVID-19 within the last 6 months and remain symptom-free.
- 3) Provide school health or designated staff the student's negative antigen tests from a testing center (e.g., CVS, Walgreens, pharmacy) each day during the quarantine period. The student must also remain symptom-free.
- 4) The parent/guardian or student age 18+ provides consent for the student to participate in the daily KDHE Testing Program at school during the quarantine period.



1. **During the quarantine period, students testing negative and remaining symptom-free may attend school and participate in school activities.**
2. School activity coaches/sponsors will communicate with families if student participant testing will be available for a weekend activity.
3. **Students testing while in quarantine may not ride the school bus.**
4. Parents/Guardians dropping off students for testing during quarantine must stay at school to receive test results. (Rapid antigen testing results take approximately 15 minutes.)
5. **Instead of the student in quarantine participating in daily testing at school, families may choose to provide daily negative antigen tests from a testing center (e.g., CVS, Walgreens, pharmacy) for the student to remain at school and participate in school activities. The student must remain symptom-free.**
6. The district will not accept at-home test kits as an alternative to daily testing at school or a testing center for a student in quarantine.
7. **If testing positive, school health or designated staff will offer a PCR test kit as an option to confirm results.**
8. If PCR test results are negative and the student remains symptom-free, the student may return to school and school activities. The student will continue to participate in daily testing during the quarantine period.
9. **School health or designated staff will consult with LDCPH to determine whether students testing negative but exhibiting symptoms may attend school and participate in school activities.**
10. If the student tests positive for COVID-19, they must isolate for a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Additionally, the student may not return to school unless fever-free and feeling well for 72 hours.