



Positive Case: Students

In West Fargo Public Schools, positive cases are required to complete a 5-day isolation period, which begins the day after the individual tests positive. If the individual still does not feel well after 5 days of isolation, they should remain home until their symptoms have improved. The isolation period is followed by 5 days of required mask wearing. If the individual is unable or unwilling to wear a mask, they must isolate for an additional 5 days.

During the time when the positive case is back at school but still required to wear a mask, six feet of physical distancing should occur any time the individual has their mask off for longer than 15 minutes (snack and lunch, for example). If physical distancing is not possible, the timeframe will be closely monitored to ensure the positive case is not unmasked for longer than 15 minutes while around others. Masks are not required while outdoors.

While the district prefers to receive official notification of positive cases amongst students from the ND Department of Health, at-home tests are also accepted. Once the district is notified of a positive case, the following protocol is followed:

- Building principals communicate with appropriate staff to ensure the student is supported academically while offsite and follows the mask requirement for positive cases once back onsite.
- The building principal compares the positive case's period of infection with their attendance at school. If the positive case does not complete an interview with NDDoH, the district will set their infectious period as two days prior to their test date. If their attendance and infectious period overlap, the building custodian will be provided with a list of spaces that should receive additional sanitizing/disinfecting.
- At the elementary level, case numbers are monitored by classroom to ensure that the [process for considering additional mitigation strategies](#) kicks off when necessary.

Positive Case: Staff

In West Fargo Public Schools, positive cases are required to complete a 5-day isolation period, which begins the day after the individual tests positive. If the individual still does not feel well after 5 days of isolation, they should remain home until their symptoms have improved. The isolation period is followed by 5 days of required mask wearing. If the individual is unable or unwilling to wear a mask, they must isolate for an additional 5 days.

During the time when the positive case is back at work but still required to wear a mask, six feet of physical distancing should occur any time the individual has their mask off for longer than 15 minutes while around others. Masks are not required while outdoors.



Due to the current prioritization of cases by the ND Department of Health, the district is not receiving official notification of positive cases amongst staff. Therefore, once a staff member has tested positive, they are responsible for alerting their supervisor and providing proof of their positive test result (evidence or documentation provided must include the employee's name and the test date for verification purposes). While the district prefers to receive an official test result from public health or a healthcare provider, at-home tests are also accepted.

The building custodian will be provided with a list of spaces that should receive additional sanitizing/disinfecting after a building is informed of a positive staff case.

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