

**Northport School Department  
Edna Drinkwater School  
August 30, 2023**

**COVID GUIDELINES  
FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES**



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**Drinkwater School is following current CDC Guidelines for COVID-19:**

**Students with COVID-19 should isolate and stay home for 5 days from symptom onset, with the first day of symptoms being day 0. If students are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), They may return to school wearing a mask for 5 more days to minimize the risk of infecting people they encounter.**

**Reference:**

**<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>  
for current CDC guidelines**

**In the event that future pandemic restrictions need to be put back into place, the following plan will go back into effect.**

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### **FACE COVERINGS/MASKS:**

- The wearing of face masks is optional in the building, outside the building, and on the school bus/school vans in most cases. Masks are recommended for those who have someone in their household who has tested positive for COVID.
- Students who are returning to school who have been on a five day quarantine due to a positive COVID test result and are now symptom free, must wear a mask (inside and outside the building) for a total of five days from the date they return to school.

## PREVENTION MEASURES:

- All classrooms have sinks and will have a supply of sanitizer.
- Thorough cleaning will be done at the end of each day once staff and students have left the building.
- All students must practice [proper handwashing guidelines](#) or use hand sanitizer upon entering the school, their classroom, before and after donning or removing a face covering, and throughout the day. **Hands should be washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when visibly soiled, before and after eating, and after coughing/sneezing and using the restroom.**
- All students must practice the following:
  - If coughing or sneezing, students must cover their mouth and nose with a tissue, or the inside of their elbow, and immediately discard the tissue.
  - Avoid touching their eyes, nose, or mouth.
  - Avoid touching any surfaces unnecessarily.
  - Refrain from physical contact, including hugs and hand-shakes.
- Students should only bring to school what is absolutely essential for each day. Any items brought to school should fit into a single backpack.

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS/VOLUNTEERS

- Parents/Guardians/Volunteers are once again welcome to be in our building. When checking in at the Main Office a health/safety check will be given. Questions will include:
  - Have you tested positive for COVID within the last ten days?
  - Have you been a close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID?
  - Are you currently experiencing any signs of illness?
- Should anyone answer yes to any of these questions they will not be granted access to the building and will need to return/reschedule once all answers to the screening questions are no.
- As with students and staff we ask anyone who is feeling ill to not come into the building.

## **EXPECTATIONS IF TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19:**

- Parents/Guardians will notify the School Nurse if their child, or anyone in their household, has been confirmed to have COVID. As a response to protect the health and safety of our students and staff, areas will be sanitized.
  
- A student who has tested positive for COVID will NOT be able to return to school until:
  - the student has gone 24 hours (1 day) without exhibiting symptoms of COVID, and at least five days have passed since the student's symptoms first appeared;
  - Students must wear a mask for an additional five days once returning to school.