



LABRAE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Mask to Stay~Test to Play

January 31, 2022

The Ohio Department of Health has issued new guidelines for the quarantining of students and staff. This recommendation is informed by a growing body of national experience, a pilot in Warren County, and experience shared by local health districts that points toward a low number of individuals with direct contact to a COVID-19 positive individual within a school setting who convert to positive cases. These guidelines also include the revised recommendations made by the CDC in December of 2021.

School Setting Exposure:

Students and/or staff who were exposed to a COVID-19 positive person and considered a direct contact, regardless of vaccination status, masking status, or the location of the exposure can remain in school under the following conditions:

- The student/staff member is asymptomatic, or absent of symptoms;
- Required to wear a mask for 10 days from the last date of exposure;
- Self-monitor, and/or parent monitor, for COVID symptoms. Use the following link to review the [symptoms of COVID-19](#);
- Isolate and get tested if the direct contact starts to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19, regardless of level of severity.

Test to Play:

Asymptomatic direct contacts who were exposed in a school setting, may continue to participate in extracurricular activities if they do the following:

- Wear a mask when able. This includes wearing a mask in the following settings: transportation; locker rooms; sitting/standing on the sidelines; and anytime the mask will not interfere with breathing, the activity, or create a safety hazard.
- Test on initial notification of exposure to COVID-19;
- Testing on day 5 after exposure is recommended;
- Student-Athletes exposed outside the school setting follow the Ohio Department of Health quarantine guidelines.

Note: The tests referenced above are SARS-CoV-2 viral (PCR or antigen) tests. They must be proctored (observed by someone) and cannot be an over the counter, at-home test that was self-administered without a proctor.

LaBrae has a limited number of Binax Now COVID-19 AG Card test kits, which are a proctored test. A parent of a student who has been exposed in a school setting can request a kit from the office. Test kits will be distributed to families on a first come first serve basis.

Please know that these guidelines are informed by experiential circumstances and data available at this time, and as circumstances change, the guidelines may change as well.

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