



# ***LABRAE LOCAL SCHOOLS***

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## **Mask to Stay~Test to Play**

The Ohio Department of Health has issued new guidelines for the quarantining of students. 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. Prior quarantining guidelines are still in effect, but the new recommendations add an additional layer of considerations that LaBrae will utilize depending on a student's vaccination status, masking, and location of exposure.

LaBrae is implementing this policy effective, Tuesday, October 26, 2021. The new guidelines will not be applied retroactively to students quarantined prior to October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **School Setting Exposure:**

It is extremely important for students and families to understand that if a student is identified as a close contact due to exposure to a positive COVID student or staff member in a school setting, the close contact can remain in school under the following conditions:

- Close contact is asymptomatic, or absent of symptoms;
- Required to wear a mask for 14 days from the last date of exposure;
- Self-monitor, or parent monitor, for COVID symptoms. Use the following link to review the [symptoms of COVID-19](#);
- Isolate and get tested if the close contact starts to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19, regardless of level of severity.

*Please note: A school setting is defined as the classroom, the bus, school day meetings, practice, the lunch room, etc.*

### **Non-School Setting Exposure:**

If a student is identified as a close contact due to exposure to a positive individual where contact occurred outside of the school setting, the student must quarantine at home according the original guidelines. Under the aforementioned circumstances:

- Fully vaccinated students can remain in school, but are required to wear a mask for 14 days from the last date of contact;

- Unvaccinated students must quarantine at home for 10 days from the last date of contact; and
- An unvaccinated student may return on day 8 from the last date of contact if the student tests negative on days 5–7 from the last date of contact, and is required to wear a mask through day 14 from the last date of contact. Proof of a proctored negative test, must be provided to the office.

## **Test to Play:**

Asymptomatic close 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.
- Vaccinated students are not required to test, but are to self-monitor for symptoms, and follow the above masking guidelines;
- Unvaccinated close contacts must test on initial notification of exposure to COVID-19; A negative test permits continued participation;
- Unvaccinated close contacts must test again on days 5–7 from the last date of contact. A negative test permits continued participation, but the student must continue to mask through day 14 from the last date of contact.

***Please 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.

**Effective: October 26, 2021**