



Spring 2022 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

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The new process beginning Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, is outlined below:

Daily Health Checks

All families are encouraged to conduct daily health checks, including taking your child's temperature before school and assessing your child for any symptoms. If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them at home and follow Maricopa County's [COVID isolation protocol](#).

Quarantine

Now that vaccinations are available for individuals ages five and up, for those who choose them, quarantine will no longer be used as the first mitigation response to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but rather in a more targeted approach.

- If the county intervenes due to a special circumstance at your child's school, you will be notified of additional mitigation procedures and how that will impact your child. Absences resulting from county-required quarantine are marked as excused.
- If the county does not implement additional mitigation procedures, quarantining will be a personal choice for your child, unless your child is symptomatic.
- If you choose to have your child quarantine, please contact the school's attendance line daily to inform them your child will be out. Please also notify your child's teacher so that they may support your child's learning at home during that time.
- If your child has been identified as a close contact and you choose to send your child to school and your child begins having any symptoms of COVID-19, please keep them home and follow the Maricopa County Department of Public Health [flowchart](#).
- While masks are not required, Peoria Unified strongly recommends close contacts wear a mask for a minimum of 14 days after becoming in close contact to an individual who tested positive.
- For those who have been exposed to COVID-19, MCDPH recommends testing 5-7 days after your exposure, even if you do not have symptoms.

If Your Child Tests Positive

If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please have them stay home and send a copy of your positive test, with your child's first and last name, date of birth, and test type to the school nurse along with the date of their COVID-19 test. The school nurse will follow-up with you regarding your child's isolation period and when they can return to school.

Masks

Masks will continue to be optional but are recommended for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals while indoors, during times of substantial or high transmission, per the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services.

Masks are still required on public transportation, per the federal order.

Vaccinations

Individuals ages five and older are now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine, for families who make this choice. Vaccines are not required. If you choose to vaccinate your child, you can find a vaccine location near you by visiting: <https://www.maricopa.gov/5659/COVID-19-Vaccine-Locations>.

A reminder that the district does not require students, staff or visitors to be vaccinated. For information on vaccines, visit [MCDPH's website](#).

Positive Cases

When a school or site is notified of a positive case, it will be reported to MCDPH, along with the close contacts, and the student or staff member who tested positive will need to follow [MCDPH home isolation guidance](#).

Communication Regarding Cases

Peoria Unified School District will continue to display the COVID-19 dashboard during the spring semester, which is updated weekly when school is in session. Please note that a cumulative number of cases will be included on the web page from the entire first semester, but the dashboard itself will reflect cases from spring 2022 only. You can view the dashboard at www.peoriaunified.org/dashboard.