

Screen and Stay Option for Quarantine

This is an alternative option to home quarantine for exposure to a confirmed positive case of COVID-19.

This procedure allows students, who are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated; to remain in school during a directive to quarantine for confirmed positive COVID school based exposure. Screen and Stay only applies to those situations occurring in school provided:

- The only contact occurred during the school day (no extracurricular or social contact)
- If indoors or on a school bus or other transportation, both the contact and the case were masked during exposure.
- If outdoors, masked or unmasked but staff supervised (e.g., mask breaks, PE, recess)
- The Contact remains asymptomatic (any symptoms revert to regular isolation/quarantine)

This option for quarantine will be determined by the school and will be communicated to those families whose students meet the necessary criteria.

Families have the **option** to follow the at home quarantine or the school quarantine procedure of Screen and Stay. If the option of home quarantine is chosen, the procedure will follow our current "Sick Procedure for Unvaccinated Students or Staff".

If using Screen and Stay option, the families will need to comply with the following:

- The guardian will have to sign an Affirmation of intent to follow the Screen and Stay. This document will be provided by the school, if your student is offered this option, outlining the requirements expected of the families.
- A "Daily Screening" checklist needs to be performed daily to be vigilant for potential illness for the full 14 days of quarantine.
- If the student develops symptoms of illness suggestive of COVID infection, the protocol will revert to the current "Sick Procedure for Illness or Exposure to COVID-19 for Unvaccinated Students".

Screen and Stay applies to in-person learning only, and regular quarantine procedures should continue to be used for athletics, extracurricular, and other activities outside of the school day.

Individuals in this protocol should not participate in aerosol-generating activities while in school (e.g., Phys. Ed., wind instrument playing, choir/singing, projected speech) . We will provide alternative programming for affected students for the duration of the Screen and Stay period.

Although the student will be allowed to continue in-person learning activities, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, students in the Screen and Stay protocol should follow normal quarantine procedures related to interscholastic or other athletic activities, other extracurricular activities, and any other activities that involve the potential for close contact with individuals **outside** of the household and that occur **outside** of the normal school day.