

September 12, 2022

Dear Foster-Glocester Families,

We are happy to kick off this school year with a really nice welcoming to all our students. Our team of teachers and staff are excited to welcome all back in a happy and healthy way. As we move into the school year, we wanted to share updates on expectations as well as responses to COVID-19 and other illnesses as well.

Our team has attended and will continue attending meetings offered through RIDOH in conjunction with RIDE to be sure we are keeping up to date on recommendations and guidance. Our current plan is similar to last year with very few changes. Linked is the updated K-12 Playbook that guides our operations. Please click [here](#) to access that page. As we continue to work towards keeping all healthy, we ask that you screen your child at home for signs of illness and if they are ill, please do not send them to school. As the practice has been, if your child has any of the symptoms listed on page 10 of the playbook, which cannot be explained by a chronic situation, they should remain home.

Positive COVID test

In the event of a positive COVID test, the person should isolate for 5 days. If symptoms improve or resolve (and there has been no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication), the person may resume normal activity on day 6 wearing a quality, well-fitted mask on days 6 through 10. A person who has a two negative antigen tests in a row 48 hours apart (first test on day 6 at the earliest), may remove the mask as early as day 8. A person who is considered a close contact of one who tested positive for COVID, is no longer required to quarantine regardless of vaccination status.

As we progress through the school year, we will keep you updated on changes to the guidance and/or school practices. Please be reminded that we are here to support our students and their families and understand that we will work towards implementing and encouraging mitigation measures which include promoting hand washing, disinfecting, and proper ventilation. Thank you for your continued support.

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Links for resources:

[Back2SchoolRI](#)

[RIDOH COVID 19](#)

[RI COVID data](#)