



## Winfield Township School

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Re: New Covid Cases and CDC recommendations

Dear Winfield Family,

I'm sending this letter to you to let you know that 3 members of our school community have reported testing positive for Covid-19 in the last 24 hours. Due to being on winter break, the school does not have close contacts to report.

At this time, it is imperative that **anyone who tests positive must report it to the school by either calling the main office and/or the attendance line.** Union County is currently experiencing the highest numbers of positive cases at any point during the pandemic, and school districts are beginning to see it impact their ability to remain open for full days of in-person instruction coming out of the break. At this time, the Winfield Township School is still planning to be in line with our schedule of returning on January 3.

The CDC has changed some of the language surrounding quarantine and isolation. Any person who tests positive must isolate themselves away from others for 10 days. (Day 1 is considered the first full day after first feeling symptoms.) They are strongly recommending that any close contacts who ARE vaccinated should get tested 5-7 days after the contact, but they still don't need to quarantine. They also state that quarantine for those who ARE NOT vaccinated should be 10 days, but after 7 days, a negative covid test can lift that quarantine. Please note: the test must be after 7 days of quarantine.

It's still worth noting that all students over the age of 5 are eligible to be vaccinated, and vaccinated people do not have to quarantine as close contacts, unless of course they are feeling symptoms. As should always be the case, continue to monitor your children, and alert your healthcare provider if they report feeling ill. Should you have questions, please contact the main office.

Thank you all for your support as we continue to navigate this.

Most sincerely,

Ross LeBrun