



Lewiston-Porter Central School District

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Superintendent of Schools

Pursuant to NYSDOH guidance, as of August 22, 2022, the New York State Department of Health has **suspended** all testing requirements related to COVID-19 including non-vaccinated employee mandates, testing employees, and test-to-stay requirements for staff and students exposed to COVID-19.

In accordance with the above information, masking is **optional** for all individuals attending school or school functions at all times. Staff and students should feel comfortable to wear a mask at any and all times. Any staff or student who experiences negative or judgemental actions related to masking should report such incidents immediately to a building-level administrator.

In the event of a student or staff member becoming symptomatic, COVID-19 positive, or asymptomatic-COVID-19 positive, the following steps are **recommended**, but not required:

- Individuals (students/staff) with COVID-19 symptoms are encouraged to test to determine if they are COVID-19 positive.
- Individuals (students/staff) who find themselves COVID-19 positive are encouraged to isolate themselves from others for five (5) days or until at least 24 hours symptom-free.
- Masking is encouraged for five (5) days after return once symptom-free.
- Close contacts should monitor for symptoms. Masking is optional for close contacts of a COVID-19-positive individual.

Finally, individuals are **not** required to test in order to return to school/work when symptom-free for 24 hours.

Please remember, that all protocols are subject to change pending NYSDOH or NYSED communication.

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