April 7, 2022

Dear Families, Caregivers and Staff,

Effective April 7, Montclair Public Schools will move to a **5-day isolation period** for those who test positive for COVID-19 in accordance with the [CDC/NJDOH guidelines](http://www.montclair.k12.nj.us). Please see the information below outlining the details.

Individuals regardless of vaccination status who test positive, or individuals with COVID-19 symptoms or who have not been tested and do not have an alternative diagnosis from their healthcare provider should:

- Stay home for at least 5 full days after the onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic, after the positive test (day of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, day the test was performed is day 0).

If individuals are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving after 5 days and fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours, the following should be adhered to upon return to school:

- Wear a mask when around others at home and in public (indoors and outdoors) for an additional 5 days (days 6-10).*
- For these additional 5 days, remain at an adequate distance during activities when mask wearing is not possible (i.e., eating).
- Keep time without a mask being worn to a minimum.
- On days 6-10, limit participation in extracurricular activities to only those where masks can be worn consistently and correctly.

*Students/staff who are unable or unwilling to mask should stay home for the full 10 days and not return to school until Day 11.

As a reminder, masking remains optional and subject to change if the case rates and risk levels rise. The district continues to provide testing at the Annex Atrium on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 4 to 6 PM. Also, aligned with new guidance, the district now accepts home tests.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Ponds