



Operational Plan Update Summary
As of May 2, 2022

All students and faculty who test positive will isolate for five days as long as they are asymptomatic. The positive test date is day zero. If they are asymptomatic, they may return to school on day six.

Students and faculty who test positive with symptoms, even mild ones, must isolate for a minimum of seven days. The positive test date is day zero. If symptoms have resolved or shown improvement, they may return on day eight. They must be fever-free without medication before returning to school.

To isolate means there is **no unmasked contact** between the student and other members of their household. COVID-positive students may isolate by:

- Remaining in a different room from other members of the household; or
- Limited household contact, preferably at a distance of 6+ feet or more from others, while all individuals wear a high-quality (KN95 or similar) mask at all times.

If the COVID-positive individual cannot isolate, **other Prairie students and faculty living in the same household** must either:

- Remain home for five days from the date of the most recent positive test in the household (most recent positive test date is day zero). If asymptomatic, these other students or faculty may return on day six. OR:
- Return to school by taking a daily COVID test – with a negative result – each day for the five calendar days following the most recent positive test in the household. At-home tests are accepted for this purpose.
- Returning students and faculty who live with a COVID-positive individual are strongly encouraged to wear a mask and test daily until day ten.

Please contact our school nurse, [Julianne Smith](#), immediately if you, your child, or anyone living in the child's home tests positive.

All current policies that do not involve masks – including visitors, the dining room, fitness center, locker rooms, and RUVNA check-ins – will remain in place.

Moving to mask-optional means we will be unable to contact trace. We will continue to inform Primary School parents when there is a positive test result for a student in their child's class. Middle and Upper School parents will receive regular updates of positive test results in their child's grade.

If you would like guidance in making the decision to mask, we recommend that you follow the advice of your doctor.

Students and faculty may now bring food to share (ex: advisory treats), as long as it is individually prepackaged before coming to school or served by one person.

Prairie students, faculty, coaches, and chaperones will continue to follow off-campus athletic host site or field trip location masking rules.

If your child is anxious about any of these changes, School Psychologist [Mike Boticki](#), Ph.D. and School Counselor [Amy Peterson](#) are available to support all students in ES - 12th Grade. Please reach out to one of them, your child's classroom teacher or advisor, or your Division Head to talk further.

If you have any questions about these policies, [please submit them here](#) and someone will contact you within two working days.