



COVID-19 Operational Plan as of August 15, 2022

The Prairie School requires that you stay home when you are sick. Students and faculty should not return to school until they have been fever-free without medication for 48 hours and are seeing improvement in other temporary symptoms.

All students and faculty who test positive for COVID-19 will stay home from school for at least 5 days. The positive test date or the date of symptom onset (whichever is first) is day 1. Asymptomatic individuals may return to school on day 6. A student or faculty member who tests positive may also return on day 6 if both of the following are true:

- They have been fever-free (a fever is defined as 100.3+) without medication for 48 hours; and
- Other symptoms are improving.

If another member of your household tests positive, we encourage you to test 5 days after the receipt of the family member's positive test.

Upon return to school, masks are encouraged through day 10. Prairie respects and supports those who choose to wear masks at any time regardless of their COVID status. If you would like guidance in making the decision to mask, we recommend that you follow the advice of your doctor.

Please contact school nurse [Julianne Smith](#) immediately if your child tests positive. We will not be contact tracing or asking close contacts to isolate.

Families are not required to complete daily text message health checks and Prairie does not require visitor health forms.

Students and faculty may bring food to share (ex: advisory treats), as long as it is individually prepackaged before coming to school or served by 1 person.

Any coach or volunteer supervising children other than their own must be vaccinated (and complete a background check). Prairie will continue to follow off-campus athletic host site or field trip location-specific masking rules.

If your child is anxious about any aspect of the pandemic, school psychologist [Mike Boticki](#), Ph.D. and school counselor [Amy Peterson](#) are available for support.

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