



Coronavirus COVID-19 Protocols 2022-2023 School Year

Please Note: These protocols reflect current guidance from state and local health officials. Should guidance change, school protocols will be updated to reflect current information. (8/22)

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are of the utmost importance. We appreciate everyone's help with the following guidelines for our return to school.

- ➔ **Masks are recommended** for anyone who has not been vaccinated or who has increased health risk. Masks are not required; however, we respect the right of anyone who chooses to wear a mask at school.
- ➔ **Increased cleaning** remain in place in all areas. Air quality monitoring will also continue.
- ➔ **Home COVID test kits** will qualify as a test result. Please provide your school with a picture of the result if positive. A negative test or doctor's note is no longer required to return to school. As with all illnesses, individuals should not return to school unless they are fever free for 24-hours without medication and symptoms are resolving.
- ➔ **Extracurricular activities** will resume with the same protocols as school attendance. IHSAA and ISSMA guidance will be followed.

COVID-19 Positive Case Isolation

Positive Test-Isolation: Anyone who tests positive must stay home days 1-5 (date of symptoms or asymptomatic test is day "0") and may return to school day 6 if fever-free and symptoms are resolving. We encourage those returning to follow CDC guidance and be masked from days 6-10. A negative test is not required to return to school.

Contact Tracing Guidance

Close contacts may remain in school as long as asymptomatic and negative. If symptoms develop, testing is recommended. CDC guidelines recommend wearing a mask for 10 days (last day of contact is day "0"). Testing on day 5 is recommended.

Returning to School After Illness

Please call your school's Health Services Department for information about health-related issues. Please be aware of Martinsville School's policies on returning to school after illness:

Students sent home with diarrhea or vomiting must remain out of school for 24 hours.

Students sent home with fever must be fever-free at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol.

Students who have a sore throat, cough, loss of taste or smell, or other signs of illness should not return to school until symptoms are improved.

Best Practices

The 2022-2023 school year taught us there are many important practices to help keep Artesians healthy.

Proper Hand Washing

is the best way to limit the spread of germs. Students have many opportunities each day to wash their hands and use sanitizer.

Monitoring Student Health

Students with a fever or signs of illness (including but not limited to vomiting, diarrhea, uncontrolled cough, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell) should not come to school. Symptomatic students are encouraged to test for COVID-19.

Vaccinations

are recommended, but not required, by the CDC for all students.

When in doubt,

stay home and contact your student's school or the Morgan County Health Department (765-342-6621) for guidance.

Additional Resources

www.Coronavirus.IN.gov,
www.CDC.gov/coronavirus,
www.msdoformartinsville.org