



U C TEAMS Charter School

Covid-19 Testing and Quarantine Policy

I. Return to School/At-Home Testing for Students and Staff

- All staff and students to be tested using rapid antigen test kits prior to return to school from January 31, 2022 through June 22, 2022.
- Rapid Antigen test kits to be provided by UC teams; procurement / inventory to be secured and managed by the business office.
- Test to be performed by self-administration/parental assisted administration at-home within 48 hours prior to return to school.
- Positive testing of any student or staff is to be placed under the standard UC TEAMS protocol for isolation and quarantine.

II. “Daily” on-site testing and monitoring program for students and staff

- Any staff and or student exhibiting COVID symptoms per isolation room procedures to be tested on site using rapid antigen test kits.
- Covid Antigen test kits to be provided by UC TEAMS.
- For staff... to be performed by self-administration.
- For students... to be performed by Health Advisor/Nurse and/or designated medical personnel.
- Positive testing for any student or staff to be placed under standard UC TEAMS’s protocol for isolation and quarantine.

III. “On-site” screening program for staff only

- 1/2 of all staff members to be provided rapid antigen tests kit biweekly.
- Test to be performed by self-administration.
- Any staff member presenting positive test results will be referred to Health Advisor/Nurse and or designated medical staff for PCR testing and placed under standard UC Teams’ protocols for isolation and quarantine.

IV. Isolation/ Quarantining Protocols

A. Reporting and recording COVID administrative procedures when reported by parent/ guardian or staff.

- **Step 1:** Parent / guardian notifies the school nurse that their child tested positive for and/ or were exposed to COVID-19; Staff informs administration that they tested positive and /or were exposed to COVID-19.
- **Step 2:** Health Advisor/Nurse records information on the COVID-19 log sheet and informs the building administrator.



- **Step 3:** The building administrator/ designee informs the Chief School Administrator (CSA) who authorizes reports to the Union County Department of Health and/or.
- **Step 4:** *Staff or Student with a positive test will be required to AMS for 5 full days after onset of symptoms.*
- **Step 5:** Staff or student may return to the UC TEAMS campus after *5 full days*, if there are no symptoms and no use of medication for a minimum of 24 hours.

B. Isolation Room procedures (same reporting as above in steps one through 5):

- Student exhibiting **two symptoms in column A or one symptom from column B (SEE FOLLOWING CHART)**
- Student, with parental permission receives self -administered “on-site” Rapid antigen test by medical professional
- Student remains in the isolation room Until a parent arrives.
 - **a negative PCR test result is required for the student to return to school**

COLUMN A	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chills
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rigors (shivers)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Myalgia (muscle aches)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore Throat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nausea or Vomiting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fatigue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Congestion or runny nose

COLUMN B	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fever (measured or subjective)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cough
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shortness of Breath
<input type="checkbox"/>	Breathing Difficulty
<input type="checkbox"/>	New loss of smell
<input type="checkbox"/>	New loss of taste



C. Quarantine guidelines for positive COVID-19 tests and/ or exposure

- **Staff or student with positive tests**
 - quarantine for **5 full days days, OR at least 10 days if severely ill**
 - Can return to the UC TEAMS' campus after **5 days** if there are no symptoms and no use of medication for a minimum of 24 hours. A **negative PCR test** is required 48 hours prior to return.

- **Student or staff exposed to a positive individual at school without a mask**
 - Quarantine for **5 days** if unvaccinated, however a rapid antigen test is required and if positive the previous protocol is in effect.
 - Can return to the UC TEAMS campus after **5 days** if there are no symptoms and no use of medication for a minimum of 24 hours.
 - If fully vaccinated and no symptoms, quarantine is not required; however, a rapid antigen test is required and if positive the previous protocol is in effect.

- **Staff exposed to a positive individual at school with a mask for less than three feet or 15 or more cumulative minutes**
 - Quarantine for **5 days** if unvaccinated, however a rapid antigen test is required and if positive the previous protocol is in effect
 - Can return to the UC TEAMS campus after **5 days**, if there are no symptoms and no use of medication for a minimum of 24 hours
 - If fully vaccinated and no symptoms, quarantine is not required, however a rapid antigen test is required and if positive, the above policies and procedures apply.

- **Staff and or student exposed to a positive individual at home:**
 - Quarantine for **5 full days**,
 - **at least 10 days** if severely ill (PLUS **5 days** for the contact).
 - can return to the UC Teams campus after **5 days** if there are no symptoms and no use of medications for a minimum of 24 hours. A rapid antigen test is required, however if the test is positive, the above policies and procedures apply.

- **Unvaccinated individuals traveling domestically (Out-of-State) or Internationally:**
 - quarantine for **0 days with a negative rapid antigen test AND** no known contact with a positive tested person (Obtain a test within three to five days upon return to New Jersey) OR
 - quarantine for **5 days** without a negative test



V. UNVACCINATED STUDENTS AND STAFF

Unvaccinated students or staff who have household members experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should provide a **negative rapid antigen test result** before returning to school. If the symptomatic Household member test positive for COVID-19, the student or staff member will need to quarantine for **5 full days** AND should provide a **negative PCR test result** before returning to school.

*****Note for quarantine purposes we use:**

- six feet with a mask in the cafeteria
- three feet with a mask in the classroom
- Staff/student is in direct contact of someone who tests positive with COVID-19 and the staff/student has been **fully vaccinated**:
 - Age 18 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters and additional primary shots for some immunocompromised people
 - Age 5-17 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
 - Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (tested positive using a viral test)
 - He/ She is not required to quarantine if there are no symptoms but must be rapid antigen tested
- Persons who test positive for COVID-19 and are symptomatic or persons with COVID-19 symptoms who weren't tested or who are waiting for test results (day 0 is the first day of symptoms).
- Staff/Student with COVID-19 compatible symptoms **AND** no known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 5 days **regardless of vaccination status**, may return to school immediately **ONLY IF they have an alternative diagnosis** (i.e., strep throat, influenza, worsening of chronic illness) supported by clinical evaluation

*****Per NJDOH recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 (1/12/22)**

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