

Fully Vaccinated Staff with Positive Household Members or Close Contacts

Some questions have come up regarding fully vaccinated staff who inform Somerville Public Schools that someone in their household has tested positive for COVID-19 or that they are a close contact to a positive case.

SPS will follow DESE guidelines on this issue:

- ASYMPTOMATIC fully vaccinated staff (ie: staff who received the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least 14 days ago or who received the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least 14 days ago) do NOT need to quarantine. Per DESE they are exempt from quarantine.
- Fully vaccinated staff should avoid contact with the positive household member as much as possible and wear a mask at home and at work for 10 days.
- Fully vaccinated staff should test themselves on Day 5 post-exposure, or earlier if symptoms develop.
 - if **positive**, the fully vaccinated staff member is considered a confirmed case and should isolate for 5 days from symptom onset or, if asymptomatic, for 5 days from positive test. A mask must be worn for an additional 5 days at school.
 - if **negative**, the fully vaccinated staff member can return to school if symptoms improve and he or she is fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, or if a medical professional makes an alternate diagnosis.

Please report positive tests via the on-line portal:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0zZgzvIKWKV_Ld58J_DcBAOVybUW2EE-ZETCw3v8CEqTBQ/viewform

Fully vaccinated staff should continue to participate in pool testing and test every Sunday evening with an at-home COVID-19 test kit (available at all schools and at Central).

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