Symptoms, Positive Results and Close Contact Exposure:

Regardless of vaccination status, if your child has the following symptoms, they can return to school with a negative test result:

- If your child has any one of the following symptoms: new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell
- If your child has any 2 of the following: fever/chills, feeling achy, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion/runny nose
- Home tests are accepted.
- If symptoms are present in addition to a close contact exposure either at school or at home, two negative antigen tests spaced 48 hours apart are required to return. The child may not attend school during those 48 hours.
- Time out of school may still be necessary as per the non-COVID illness policy (see Parent Handbook)

Regardless of vaccination status, if your child tests positive for COVID:

- they will quarantine at home and return to school on Day 6 if there has been no fever for 24 hours and all symptoms are resolving. The onset of symptoms or the positive result, whichever is first, is Day 0.
- they may return to school on Day 6 and wear a mask from Day 6-10 (if there are two negative results that span 48 hours between Days 6-10, masking is no longer necessary).
- Because of the inability to wear a mask, positive children under the age of 2 may return on Day 8 with a negative test from Day 6 and another from Day 8.

Regardless of vaccination status, if your child is a close contact of a positive case at home or at school:

- You must report the close contact to your child’s teachers so symptoms can be closely monitored
- If your child is over the age of 2, a mask will be worn for 10 days with the day of last exposure being Day 0. Symptoms will be closely monitored.
- If your child is under the age of 2, daily symptom screens will be done by teachers in order to closely monitor the development of any symptoms. Families are strongly encouraged to closely monitor for symptoms at home as well.
- Families are strongly encouraged to test on Day 6 following exposure.
UNOW COVID Protocols

Masking Protocols:

• Masking indoors will be required during periods of high Community Activity Level for anyone over the age of 2 in the building.

• When Community Activity Levels are Moderate or Low, masking will be optional for anyone over the age of 2 in the building except during Days 1-10 after an exposure or Days 6-10 after a positive result. Children over the age of 2 waiting to be picked up because of symptoms will be asked to wear a mask.

• Community Activity Levels will be monitored weekly and given in the weekly UNOW newsletter.

• If families would prefer their child wear a mask for any reason (for example, with immunocompromised family members) teachers will work together with them to help the child continue this practice.

• Families and staff may consider wearing a mask when symptomatic of any respiratory non-COVID illness as a measure of safety for the whole community.

• We value a community culture around masking that recognizes some people will be masked and some unmasked at all times even when it is not required. Individual choices can be made by families and staff that reflect specific circumstances and needs to mitigate risk regardless of whether masking is required or optional.

Vaccine Information:

• Up to date vaccination remains the most critical strategy to prevent severe illness. We strongly encourage all families to vaccinate their children and will work to support families in this endeavor in any way we can with the sharing of information and resources.

• In order to maintain an accurate sense of vaccination rates in our community and use it as a reliable data point when assessing risk, we ask families to submit proof of vaccination to the administration as well as to their child’s lead teacher.

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