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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 in all cases
- 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 must quarantine at home and return to school on Day 10 if there has been no fever for 24 hours and all symptoms have improved. The onset of symptoms or the positive result, whichever is first, is Day 0.
- Please notify the UNOW administration and your child’s teachers of any positive result even if at a time there is no exposure at school. For 90 days after having had COVID, there are no quarantine requirements, notifying us allows us to track the beginning of those 90 days.

If your child is a close contact of a positive case at home:

- If your unvaccinated child is a close contact of a positive case at home, notify your child’s teacher and the administration upon learning of the exposure. Your child can return to school on Day 5, (with day 0 being the last day of exposure) with a negative PCR or Antigen test from Day 4 or 5.
- If your fully vaccinated child is a close contact of a positive case at home (or school, there is no need to quarantine. They can remain at school with careful symptom monitoring and a negative test result from Day 5 after the positive result.
- Close contacts due to positive cases at home must be reported to the administration and the child’s teacher regardless of vaccination status.
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If your unvaccinated child is a close contact of a positive case at school:

- If your unvaccinated child (over the age of 2) is a close contact of a positive case while in school, you will be asked to test them immediately upon notification and again on Day 5. They may still attend school during this time although symptoms must be closely monitored. If masking is optional for the building during this time, masks must be worn for 10 days following the exposure.
- Because of the inability to wear a mask, unvaccinated children under the age of 2 are not eligible for Test to Stay. Any close contact quarantine for unvaccinated children under 2 is 7 days with a negative test from Days 5-7.

Travel, Vaccine and Masking Protocols:

- Unvaccinated children who travel internationally must quarantine for 5 days after returning and submit a negative test from Days 4-5. There is no quarantine requirement for domestic travel.
- A child is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the final prescribed dose as well as up to date on any approved boosters. Proof of vaccination should be submitted to both the child’s teacher and the administration.
- Masking in the building will become optional (except in the case of required masking due to exposure) when the CDC Community Activity Level shows that our geographical area is green.
- Masking during drop-off in the parking lot is appreciated as close conversations with teachers are necessary.

Guidance from the Department of Children and Families, Office of Licensing:


CDC Community Activity Level:

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=all_states&list_select_county=all_counties&data-type=CommunityLevels&null=CommunityLevels