

**OXFORD CITY SCHOOLS**  
**COVID PROTOCOLS**  
**2021-2022**  
**Update: January 2022**

We have been notified that contact tracing and quarantines are the responsibility and a function of the Alabama Department of Public Health. As such, Oxford City Schools will provide support to the ADPH when requested in these matters.

All information contained in school or district documents is subject to change based on guidance from an entity with authority over the Oxford City School District.

- Masks are recommended for all students and staff at all times **BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED** except on school buses, in an instance of a positive COVID test result, or in the instance of exposure. Please review information below regarding these instances.
- Oxford city schools will NOT ask a person's vaccination status.
- Masks are required on all buses based on Federal mandate for all individuals except those with medical exemptions.
- At this time there will be no visitors allowed in schools during normal school hours. This procedure will be monitored and changed if conditions allow.
- Oxford City Schools will continue full in-person instruction at each school. OCS will continue to monitor and make adjustments based on data. Students and staff should maintain as much physical distance as practicable.
- COVID-19 diagnosed positive must stay home for five (5) calendar days following the onset of symptoms or positive test results.
- In order to return to Oxford City Schools, previously positive/symptomatic persons must have experienced a reduction in symptoms and must be fever free for 24 hours prior to return without fever reducing medication.
- Upon return, previously positive/symptomatic persons must wear a properly designed well fitted mask for a minimum of five (5) calendar days.
- Suspected positive cases (COVID-19 symptoms) must stay home for five (5) days following the onset of symptoms unless a negative test result is received from a laboratory-confirmed or clinic diagnosis and must be fever free for 24 hours prior to return without fever reducing medication.
- Cases required to be reported to the Alabama Department of Public Health will be done by school nurses.
- K-6 Schools will make an effort to notify students in a classroom and buses with a confirmed case. This does not include common areas, outdoor venues, events, or the cafeteria. Students in grades 7-12 are recommended to self-monitor for any symptoms and report to staff if symptomatic.
- Visitors are allowed in the lobby or assigned area of each school for check-in/out or school initiated visits.
- Parents please note, with the characteristics of COVID-19 transmission, your child could come in contact with this virus. Please monitor your child daily for symptoms of COVID-19 ([alabamapublichealth.gov](http://alabamapublichealth.gov) or [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov)), do not send them to school if they are symptomatic and contact your child's school and your local healthcare provider.

### **Watch for Symptoms**

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

## Positive COVID Test

Oxford city schools will NOT ask a person's vaccination status.

What Happened?	Vaccination status?	Should I stay home?	When can I leave home	Should I test?	Should I wear a mask?
I have tested positive	I am vaccinated	Yes, for 5 days	If no symptoms, after 5 days	Not required	Yes for 5 additional days after isolation
	I am unvaccinated	Yes, for 5 days	If no symptoms, after 5 days	Not required	Yes for 5 additional days after isolation

## What to do in the instance of exposure:

Please review the following chart. Identify yourself on the chart based on vaccinated status and make the best decision for you and/or your child. Inform the school if exposure will result in absences. Oxford city schools will NOT ask a person's vaccination status.

What Happened?	Vaccination status?	Should I stay home?	When can I leave home	Should I test?	Should I wear a mask?
I have been exposed to someone with Covid.	I am vaccinated and boosted	No, unless you have symptoms	Now	Yes, if possible, 5 days after exposure or the onset of symptoms	Yes for 10 days
	I've been vaccinated less than 6 months (Pfizer/Moderna)	No, unless you have symptoms	Now	Yes, if possible, 5 days after exposure or the onset of symptoms	Yes for 10 days
	I've been vaccinated less than 2 months (J&J)	No, unless you have symptoms	Now	Yes, if possible, 5 days after exposure or the onset of symptoms	Yes for 10 days
I have been exposed to someone with Covid.	I was vaccinated more than 6 months ago, but am not boosted (Pfizer/Moderna)	Yes, for five (5) days	If no symptoms and fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, after 5 days.	Yes, if possible, 5 days after exposure or the onset of symptoms	Yes for 10 days
	I was vaccinated more than 2 months ago, but am not boosted (J&J)	Yes, for five (5) days	If no symptoms and fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, after 5 days.	Yes, if possible, 5 days after exposure or the onset of symptoms	Yes for 10 days
	I'm unvaccinated	Yes, for five (5) days	If no symptoms and fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, after 5 days.	Yes, if possible, 5 days after exposure or the onset of symptoms	Yes for 10 days