

## The Village School Updated Covid Protocol 4-3-23

This is based on current recommendations by DPH and DESE.

With the pandemic phase behind us, it's time to revisit our Covid protocol. Covid is still with us and we need to continue with certain practices in our day-to-day operations. Here is an updated overview of our Covid-related practices that will be in effect **starting April 10**.

### Continued Precautions and Resources

- Our school will continue to be mask-optional and we will continue to provide messaging that normalizes an individual's choice to wear a mask.
- The ventilation system runs every day that windows are not open.
- We will continue to have disposable masks available at school for staff/student/family use when needed.

### COVID Testing

- Free Covid tests are always available in the office.
- The office will have Covid tests to administer to those who show symptoms while in school. We will always call you first for permission to test your child.
- A child who tests positive in school will be sent home.

### COVID Reporting

- The school will continue to send email notifications to families of students in the classroom with a positive case.

### Students Exposed to Covid

- There is no requirement for **exposed** children to mask for 6 days. It is the parent's or guardian's choice for their exposed child to wear (or not wear) a mask indoors.

### Students Testing Positive for COVID

- Please continue to inform the school when your child tests positive for Covid.
- A student who tests positive for Covid will still be required to remain out of school (and isolate) for 5 days.
- A student may return to school on Day 6 with minimal and improving symptoms and remain masked during Day 6 through 10.
- If a student tests negative on Day 5 (or after), they are not required to wear a mask at school

**MOST IMPORTANT** If your child is sick and cannot function well in school, please keep them home. Students must stay home 24 hours after a fever is gone without fever reducing medication (below 100.4), or 24 hours after vomiting or diarrhea.