



King Center Charter School COVID Protocols September 2023

1. Anyone who tests positive for COVID must remain out of the building for at least 5 days from the date of positive test **or** symptom onset, **whichever is earlier**. If after 5 days, the individual has been fever free for 24 hours without medication, they are permitted to return to the building. Wearing a mask for the next 5 days is recommended by the CDC.
2. If an individual who tests positive for COVID has **not** been fever free for 24 hours **without** medication after 5 days, they must remain out of the building until they have been fever free without medication for 24 hours.
3. All individuals must remain out of the building while awaiting COVID test results.
4. KCCS recommends all individuals who test positive for COVID to follow the serial testing cycle as outlined in the chart below provided by NYS Department of Health.
5. Anyone who presents with COVID related symptoms in the school building will be required to wear a mask and must be picked up immediately. Proof of COVID test results will be required along with a 24 hour fever free without medication period to return to school. Home tests are accepted at this time.
6. Masks are optional for anyone who is not in an active COVID state, except in the school Health Office. Mask are recommended for those who have been exposed even if the they are not feeling any COVID symptoms
7. COVID testing and vaccinations are available at various locations in the community, please reach out to the Erie County Department of Health for up-to-date locations and details.
8. Individuals exposed to a COVID positive person are not required to quarantine. Exposed individuals are to monitor themselves for COVID symptoms and test 48 hours after exposure date. Masks are recommended for 5 days after direct COVID exposure.

Please note, these protocols are subject to change as public health conditions and updates from the CDC and NYS Department of Health are made available.

Recommended Serial Testing Guidelines

If you tested negative with an at-home antigen test and you have	Then
COVID-19 symptoms AND were exposed	Assume you have COVID-19 and your initial test did not detect the virus. Take public health precautions to prevent spreading an illness to others and take recommended steps after exposure . Test again after 48 hours. Consider getting a laboratory-based molecular COVID-19 test or call your health care provider.
COVID-19 symptoms and no known exposure	You could still have COVID-19 and your initial test did not detect the virus, or you may have another illness. Take public health precautions to prevent spreading an illness to others. Test again after 48 hours. Consider getting a laboratory-based molecular COVID-19 test or call your health care provider.
No COVID-19 symptoms but WERE exposed	You could still have COVID-19 and your initial test did not detect the virus. Take recommended steps after exposure . Test again after 48 hours, and again 48 hours after a second negative test, for a total of 3 tests over 5 days. Consider getting a laboratory-based molecular COVID-19 test or call your health care provider. Continue to take public health precautions to reduce your risk of getting COVID-19.
No COVID-19 symptoms and no known exposure	It is unlikely you have COVID-19, but you should still test again after 48 hours, and again 48 hours after a second negative test, for a total of 3 tests over 5 days. Continue to take public health precautions to reduce your risk of getting COVID-19.