



March 4, 2022

Dear Laveen Families:

Last week we informed you of the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) updated guidance regarding masking and the subsequent change to our masking requirement. This week, Laveen's COVID-19 Response Team analyzed our district's mitigation measures and made changes in alignment with guidance from the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) and the CDC.

The most significant changes relate to quarantine procedures for students who are close contacts* of a person who tested positive for COVID-19:

- Fully Vaccinated Students: A student who is fully vaccinated - proof will be required- do not need to quarantine if they are a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Non-Fully Vaccinated Students: A student who is not fully vaccinated and is a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 has the following options:
 - Continue to attend school during the quarantine period if they are not experiencing symptoms and they wear a mask for ten (10) calendar days while at school.
 - Quarantine at home for ten (10) calendar days
- If Symptoms Develop During Quarantine: If the student who is a close contact develops symptoms during the quarantine period, then they must be tested before returning to school. Over-the-counter tests are available to families at each school site at no cost.

*A close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person (laboratory- confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).

These changes take effect immediately. [Isolation procedures](#) remain unchanged.

More details on the updated mitigation strategies can be found in our family handbook, located on our website at www.LaveenSchools.org/safe-return-to-school.

We continue to partner with local health agencies to monitor the spread of COVID-19 in our community and implement practices that are in the best interest of the health and safety of our students and staff.

I hope your family and you have a great spring break.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jeff Sprout, Superintendent

