

November 1, 2022

Re: COVID Updates

Dear Everett Public Schools' families,

Governor Inslee recently announced all the remaining COVID emergency proclamations and the state of emergency expire on October 31, and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) updated [their guidance](#) accordingly. Many of the current K-12 COVID guidance requirements have now shifted to recommendations.

Though the state's emergency orders are ending, public health leaders continue to emphasize the importance of vaccines and masking as part of everyday infectious disease prevention.

What do these changes mean?

- We are still required to report positive COVID cases to the health district. All cases must be reported to the COVID team (425-385-4299 or [clicking to report](#))
- It is recommended students and staff who develop a new onset of respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea, or other symptoms of COVID, stay home. This is the case with any potentially infectious disease. There will be a flow chart from DOH to follow, which they are still revising. Visit our [COVID website](#) for updates.
- It is recommended students who test positive for COVID stay home and isolate from others for at least 5-days following the onset of symptoms.
- Children in early learning and childcare who develop a new onset of COVID symptoms are **required to be excluded**, and they are to follow the DOH flowchart still being updated. Visit our COVID website for updates.
- Students and staff may voluntarily wear masks and PPE.

Thank you for all you do to support your children and your schools.

Be safe and be well,

Dr. Ian B. Saltzman
Superintendent