

WSESU Start of the School Year COVID info

Student and Staff Illness

- Nurses will evaluate students and staff that are ill at their health offices and may test for COVID or may send COVID tests home.
- Consent to test will need to be updated and we will give out that information as soon as we have that available.
- If a student or staff member is not well enough to learn or participate in school or they have a fever (100.4 or greater), they will be sent home.
- They may return to school when their symptoms have improved and they must be fever free without fever reducing medicine for 24 hours.
- The return to school after illness is based on symptoms. COVID-19 testing will not be required for students or staff to return to school after illness.
- Following Dept. of Health guidance, we will shift to cluster/outbreak management rather than contact tracing and individual cases counts.
- Nurses and school staff will continue to teach healthy habits like handwashing, and covering a cough.

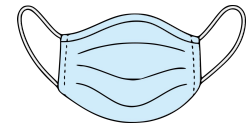
COVID Testing may be done at the school health office or tests may be sent home.

COVID tests can be ordered at <https://www.covid.gov/tests> or online or purchased at local pharmacies and may be covered by insurance. Testing is also available by calling the Health Department at 802-863-7200, or check with the local Brattleboro Health Department office: 888-253-8805, 802-257-2880.

If you get Covid-19:

Inform your medical provider or your child's pediatrician.

- Isolate at home for at least 5 days *after* the first day of symptoms or the day of testing positive (whichever came first).
- Isolation can last up to 10 days, if symptoms persist.
- You can come out of isolation after day 5 if your symptoms are improved and you haven't had a fever within 24 hours.
- Wear a mask in public indoors through the 10 days after Covid began, even if you have no symptoms.



Covid Vaccines and Boosters:

Individuals over 6 months old can be vaccinated: Vaccines are free and widely available at your doctor's office, local pharmacies, walk-in clinics or other locations where you get your vaccines.

Walk-in Health Department or EMS clinics can be accessed at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine#clinics>. The clinics below have Moderna and Pfizer vaccines and are available to individuals over the age of 6 months.

-417 Canal Street (behind House of Pizza) varied dates and times

-Leland and Gray Union High School on August 27th from 1-3pm.

Certain people should also receive a second booster dose at least four months after their first booster:

People age 50 or older can receive a second booster of Pfizer or Moderna

For people who are immunocompromised, those age 12 and older can receive a second booster of Pfizer and those 18 and older can receive a second booster of Pfizer or Moderna.

People who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and Johnson & Johnson booster can receive a second booster of Pfizer or Moderna

If you cannot get a vaccine through any of these options, call the Health Department at 802-863-7200, toll-free 800-464-4343

Please report your self-test results (positive or negative) to the Health Department using this online form, [Vermont COVID-19 Self-Test Result Reporting Form](https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6507748/Vermont-COVID-19-Self-Test-Result-Reporting-Form), (<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6507748/Vermont-COVID-19-Self-Test-Result-Reporting-Form>)



Close contact -If you are a close contact or think you had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, follow the current recommendations at

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-treatment#closecontact>.

Masking- While masking is no longer mandatory in Vermont, some staff and students choose to wear a mask because they may be at higher risk of serious illness, or spend time with people at higher risk, or feel more comfortable wearing a mask in public places.