

2022-2023
COVID 19 Guidance for USD 273 – Beloit

Positive COVID 19 Cases:

1. Students or staff will be required to stay home during sickness and while experiencing symptoms. The student or staff member should be symptom, free for 48 hours before returning to the school. Masking will be required for five days once returning to school as a student or work as staff member. If the student or staff member does not choose to wear a mask they must stay home. The decision to not mask will result in an unexcused absence for students, and a nonpaid day for staff members.
2. If 20% of our students and staff are ill with the same illness, school will be closed for 1 to 5 day periods.

Close Contact to COVID 19 Cases

- 1.) If you are considered to be and know that you are a close contact to a positive COVID 19 case, you are required to do the following:
 - a. Monitor Symptoms for 10 days.
 - b. Stay home if symptoms appear.
 - c. Wear a mask indoors and outdoors for a minimum of 5 days.
- 2.) If there is evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection in the previous 90 days and/or the individual is up to date with their vaccinations, they are considered immune the masking measures are not required.

Contact Tracing:

1. Official Contact Tracing will not happen at USD 273 – Beloit. The School will notify parents of students from classrooms or other large groups such as sports teams that have been in direct contact of possible exposure.
 - a. That announcement will simply be: Your student has been a close contact to a positive case of COVID 19 either through a classroom or whatever activity that they came into contact with COVID 19.

Testing:

1. At-home tests will be made available when possible and used when possible. The At-home tests will be sent home for privacy issues.
2. If a COVID test is given at school, positive results will be reported to the County Health Department. The at-home testing records of positive testing will be kept in school attendance records. The at-home testing records will be used for a 90-day immunity practice. It is still the preference of USD 273-Beloit that the At-Home test is given in the home setting by the parent and/or guardian.
3. USD 273 – Beloit has a positive working relationship with our Mitchell County Health Department and plans to keep that relationship positive. If guidance changes due to further directions of the KDHE or CDC, the school district reserves the right to make changes in how COVID 19 will be handled, and plans to work with the guidance of the County Health Office.

Masking is always recommended at USD 273 – Beloit. Handwashing will still be encouraged, as well as regular cleaning and disinfecting in the classrooms on a regular daily basis and between classroom changes.

The district will no longer offer a COVID leave policy for the employees.