

## COVID MEETING WITH DR. EMANUEL

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(Via zoom, Nancy Fincke, Mara Rus, Emily Drazen, Amy Funkenstein and Emily Lines present)

We met via phone to review the COVID protocols listed below.

1. Isolation timeline update - In accordance with MA DPH/DESE we are considering decreasing isolation to 5 days (if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving) plus 5 additional days of strict masking. Should we require negative test at day 5 to end isolation?

For isolation: Dr Emanuel recommends test out and improving symptoms (no fever, bad cough) at day 5+.

2. Test and Stay. We would like to offer Test and Stay. This would apply to in-school exposures only. Would be for both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons. Rapid antigen test each morning within 1 hour of start of school for 5 days, then PCR/rapid molecular/[antigen](#) at Day 5, and continue rapid antigen testing until PCR/rapid molecular results come back.

Yes, makes a lot of sense, if you have enough tests. Otherwise, stay home if unvaccinated. If vaccinated and no tests, ok to come to school so long as asymptomatic.

3. Should we revisit pooled testing? It would likely take us several weeks to get up running and we would need to find a parent volunteer, etc.

Yes, but don't make mandatory.

4. Procedure for fully vaccinated staff/students who have household members who are COVID+?

Say parent is positive. Vaccinated or unvaccinated child will stay home for 5 days. Then test to come back in. Parent also needs to test negative. As soon as parent tests negative, kid can also come back if kid tests negative. So long as asymptomatic, no temperature.

Unvaxed exposed outside the home, need to quarantine for 5 days, test out on day 5+ and asymptomatic.

Teachers can move from classroom to classroom. No issue with cohort separation.