

GCS Exposure and Isolation Policy – April 11, 2024

Groton Community School’s COVID-19 policies and protocols are informed by the MA Department of Public Health (MDPH), our local Boards of Health, and our licensing agency the MA Department of Early Education and Care (EEC).

Any symptoms, exposures, or positive cases for individuals or family members can be shared with the school through our wellness@grotoncommunityschool.org email.

EXPOSURE:

All exposed individuals may continue to attend programming ***as long as they remain asymptomatic.***

MASKING:

Masking indoors ***after single exposure is welcomed*** but not required. Masking indoors is required with household exposure for 5 days.

Masking indoors ***after returning from COVID-19 is required*** as specified below.

Masks do not need to be worn while eating, drinking, sleeping or outdoors at school.

SYMPTOMS AFTER EXPOSURE:

If symptoms develop, exposed individuals should stay home and get tested. **We require proof of a negative test prior to return when symptoms occur after exposure.** For a list of symptoms, please refer to our GCS website: www.grotoncommunityschool.org/wellness-at-gcs.

POSITIVE RESULT:

Please inform GCS as soon as possible regarding ALL positive cases in your household. We will ask about the type and onset of symptoms, and the test date(s) that yielded a positive result(s).

COVID-19 individuals with symptoms can return to school when they meet the following conditions:

- Their symptoms are resolving
- They are fever-free without fever-reducing medications for at least 24 hours
- They mask indoors for 5 days after returning

COVID-19 individuals without symptoms can return to school when they meet the following conditions:

- They stay home and remain asymptomatic for at least 72 hours after testing positive
- They mask indoors for 5 days after testing positive

IN CLOSING:

Please know that we continue to be diligent about health and safety at GCS. We are available for any questions!

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