



## NOTICE

Dear Country Day Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff,

We are pleased that this week's case rate has returned to levels that are more on par with case rates we've been experiencing over the year. Below is information detailing cases from this past week:

### **Upper School**

- A 12<sup>th</sup> grade student began exhibiting symptoms January 28, was tested February 1, and received a positive test result February 2. There were no close contacts since the student had not been on campus since January 28. The student was already quarantining due to close contact with a Covid-positive US student.
- A 12<sup>th</sup> grade student began exhibiting symptoms February 1 and tested positive the same day. There were no close contacts since the student had not been on campus since January 28. The student was already quarantining due to close contact with a Covid-positive US student.

### **Staff**

- A part-time employee, who coaches in the US after the school day ends, became symptomatic January 27, was tested January 29, and received a positive test result January 31. Since physical distancing and masking protocols were in place, there were no close contacts.

Fortunately, most who contract the virus have mild symptoms, but our thoughts are with the affected individuals, and we wish them the best during their period of isolation.

We have updated the [Covid case dashboard](#) on the school's homepage to reflect this recent information.

### **Quarantine Policy Update**

The school has updated its quarantine policy to align the length of quarantine periods affecting a student's/employee's return to campus for instruction and for activities/athletics. Currently, when students or employees are in close contact with a Covid positive individual, the school requires the exposed students/employees to quarantine for:

- 10 days before returning to campus for in-person instruction (per CDC guidelines)
- 14 days before returning to activities and/or athletic practice/competition (per Ohio High School Athletic Association guidelines)

Effective immediately, we are now allowing students to return to activities and athletics on day 10 if: the exposure occurred while individuals were masked AND the individual in close contact is tested on day 5 or later and presents the negative test result to the school.

If a student or employee is in close contact and was not masking at the time of contact, the quarantine period remains:

- 10 days before returning to campus for in-person instruction
- 14 days before returning to activities and/or athletic practice/competition

We hope streamlining our policy (10-day quarantine for both school and afterschool activities) eliminates any confusion about length of a quarantine period. If you have any questions about this policy change, please feel free to contact any member of the school's Rapid Response Team.

### **Super Bowl Sunday**

With the rise of new Covid variants, gatherings present an even greater safety risk.

This Sunday, many will tune in to watch Super Bowl LV and cheer on the Bucs or the Chiefs. In making your Super Bowl plans, please remember that your individual decisions have implications for the entire school community. Spread happens quickly, so enjoy watching the game – ideally in your own home with your immediate family. Let's all play it safe to help prevent the virus's spread and keep school open.

### **Ohio Department of Health Travel Advisory**

[Click here for the updated reporting map of states](#) reporting positive test rates of 15% or higher. Those entering Ohio after travel to a state on the travel advisory are advised to quarantine for 10 days.

### **Vaccines for Faculty/Staff**

We are pleased that our faculty and staff will receive their first dose of the two-dose Covid 19 vaccine on Friday, February 12 during our in-service day. Depending on which vaccine is administered, Pfizer or Moderna, employees will receive a second dose either March 5 or March 12. The second-dose vaccine clinic will be scheduled in the afternoon to avoid disruption to the school day.

If you have any questions, please contact Country Day's Rapid Response Team using the email address [covid19safety@countryday.net](mailto:covid19safety@countryday.net).

Stay well and stay safe.

### **Covid-19 Rapid Response Team**

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