

Dear PSP Staff, Parents, and Students,

The following changes have been made to our school exclusion guidelines while continuing to utilize several mitigation strategies including universal masking and maintaining cleaning and handwashing protocols. These changes will be in effect starting Monday, January 24, 2022.

Please Note the Following:

1. Schools will no longer be contact tracing during the school day. We ask that all families continue to monitor their children for symptoms and follow the guidelines below.
2. The “test to stay” option will no longer be necessary for those exposed. However, the testing clinic at Spitler will remain open for those who think their child might have COVID and would like a test.

The Public Schools of Petoskey COVID School Exclusion Guidelines	
If you have tested POSITIVE for COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay home for five (5) days from onset of symptoms or date of positive test.• Return to school on day 6 if there are no symptoms.• If fever is present, stay home until fever resolves on its own without medication.• Continue masking around others for an additional 5 days.	
If you HAVE BEEN EXPOSED to someone with COVID-19 and HAVE SYMPTOMS (regardless of vaccination status or where the exposure took place)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay home for five (5) days from onset of symptoms.• -OR- Get tested for Covid-19 at Spitler Administration Building from 7:45 AM - 8:30 AM Monday-Friday. If positive, follow the steps above.	
If you HAVE BEEN EXPOSED to someone with COVID-19 and DO NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS (regardless of vaccination status or where the exposure took place)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue attending school and monitor for symptoms.	
Contact Tracing	
Contact tracing will NOT be done at the school with the exception of sporting events or performances , which continue to be required by health department order.	

If your child has a non-covid related illness, please keep them home until they are symptom free. If a fever is present, students should stay home until the fever resolves on its own without medication. If a building principal determines a student is too ill to remain in school, parents, or other designated responsible adult, will be contacted to pick the student up.

This approach mirrors that of the health department and MDHHS in their efforts to begin to address COVID more like other contagious illnesses. We will continue to monitor this approach and will make adjustments as necessary in order to keep our schools open for in-person learning to the greatest extent possible. We will continue to update COVID case numbers daily on our website, including parent reports of student positives.

Students who are currently quarantined but are not sick are welcome to resume school on Monday, January 24, 2022.