



# Garfield-Palouse Schools



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To: Garfield-Palouse School Parents  
From: Mike Jones / Brett Agenbroad  
Subject: COVID information DOH Guidance

This letter is to share information regarding the 2022/2023 School Guidance and application for Garfield-Palouse Schools. The COVID "Flow Chart" can be found on our website, and available through DOH.

Key points and changes to the school & childcare guidance are summarized below:

- Students or staff who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home and isolate for 5 days.
- Students or staff returning from 5 days of isolation should wear a well-fitted mask from days 6 to 10.
- If students or staff continue to test positive for COVID-19 after day 5, they must isolate for the full 10 days.
- Schools are no longer required to directly notify high risk students and staff of exposure, but must continue to have a process in place to inform students, staff, and families when there are cases or outbreaks in school. We will utilize Blackboard if an outbreak occurs.
- The "test to stay" program is no longer a part of the DOH recommendation section; however, testing protocols remain an important tool to ensure safe in-person learning and we will test upon request of the parent/guardian.

These points are specific to a positive test. Students and staff who test positive or have symptoms are encouraged to remain home, and may return to school after being symptom free. It is encouraged by the Department of health to test if symptoms persist after 24-48 hrs.

If you have any questions please contact us at (509) 878-1921, or (509) 635-1331, or contact our nurses at: [palousenurse@garpal.net](mailto:palousenurse@garpal.net) Thank you for your continued support of the Garfield and Palouse Schools.

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