



## Quilcene School District #048

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Dear Rangers,

I am writing to share new information from the State Department of Health about [COVID-19 health and safety guidance for schools this fall](#). Following these safety measures reduces the spread of COVID-19.

### **Health and safety requirements for this fall:**

- Students and [staff who show symptoms of COVID-19 are required to stay home, and](#) should get tested for COVID-19. should get tested for COVID-19.
- Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate at home for **5 days**. If symptoms improve and they have had no fever for the past 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, students and staff can come back to school and are encouraged to test before returning.
- It is required by our local health department that students and staff returning to school after their 5 days of isolation:
  - wear a well-fitted mask from days 6 to 10, and
  - remain masked for sports and other extracurricular activities on days 6 to 10.
- Students and staff who test positive after 5 days of isolation must stay at home for the full 10-day isolation period.
- Schools must inform students, families, and staff when there are cases or outbreaks in school. Schools are no longer required to directly notify high risk students or staff. We will communicate cases and outbreaks to families by phone, email, or SMS through Remind.
- Our state's requirement for school employees to be fully vaccinated to protect against COVID-19 or have obtained a medical or religious exemption is still in place.

These requirements are in place for all public and private K-12 schools and childcare facilities in Washington state. Schools and childcare facilities are required by state law to follow these guidelines.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Quilcene School District offers free COVID-19 testing for staff and students at school.

Households are encouraged to test as needed at home. In Washington state, you can receive free self-tests from the [Say Yes! COVID Test program](#). Most insurance covers the costs of up to 8 self-tests per individual per month. In addition, the school has take-home tests on-site for community members who need them.

[COVID-19 vaccinations](#) remain the best protection for everyone against hospitalization and severe disease from COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine is now [available for children 6 months and older](#). Booster doses are also available for children 5 years and older. You are encouraged to vaccinate your children if they are eligible, in consultation with your health care provider.

You can reach me any time for help or more information. We look forward to creating safe and healthy spaces for our students when they return this fall.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank Redmon  
Superintendent  
Quilcene School District