



Middlesex School Covid Policy - Fall 2022

Middlesex's Covid Policy has been grounded in the effort to protect community members from significant illness and mitigate transmission of the disease. As the landscape around Covid remains fluid and the tools for managing the disease evolve, we will continue to update our policy as necessary to prioritize these two imperatives.

While CDC guidance related to Covid19 risk mitigation strategies continues to evolve, the cornerstone of our Covid policy is Middlesex's adherence to being a community that is fully vaccinated against Covid19. While Covid19 vaccination has not been shown to provide significant protection from transmission of newer variants of the virus, it does provide protection against severe illness and death following infection. The CDC currently defines "fully vaccinated" as a person who completed their primary series of Covid19 vaccines. Along with the CDC, we *strongly* recommend boosters even as they have not been incorporated into the definition of a primary series. If evidence suggests that future boosters provide significant and additional protection against serious illness, death or disease transmission, Middlesex reserves the right to update its vaccine requirement for all community members to include additional doses of Covid19 vaccine.

Vaccination requirement for all community members:

All students and employees of Middlesex School must be fully vaccinated with a primary series of Pfizer, Moderna or J&J (or WHO approved international vaccines) Covid19 vaccines unless they have a documented medical or religious exemption.

Post Covid return to work/learn:

Per CDC guidance, all community members must isolate for 5 days post Covid diagnosis. Middlesex expects families or local guardians to provide a location off-campus for a student who tests positive for Covid to isolate. On days 6-10, students and employees who are asymptomatic may return to in-person participation but must wear a mask in all indoor spaces until 10 days post-diagnosis are completed. The School will only facilitate a remote working or learning option for an individual who is isolating due to a Covid diagnosis.

Masks:

Other than during a Covid19 infection isolation period, mask-wearing on campus is optional. When community members are symptomatic, they will be encouraged to not be in attendance in shared spaces and/or to wear a mask. At times when there is evidence of increased transmission of Covid19 or other respiratory illnesses, the School reserves the option to mandate masks temporarily.

Testing:

Individuals who are symptomatic should test for Covid before attending in-person Middlesex activities. This includes students who are returning to school after vacations or weekends away from campus. All community members are expected to report a positive Covid test to healthcenter@mxschool.edu.

Guests:

Guests who are symptomatic of Covid19-like illness may not enter any Middlesex building or participate in athletic competition against Middlesex athletes.