



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Dear Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen Community,

I hope you and your family had a restful and safe spring break. As we return to school and more residents are becoming vaccinated in the coming weeks, we'd like to keep you updated on the latest state guidance from the Governor's office regarding [quarantine protocol for vaccinated individuals](#).

This update aligns with the New York State Travel Advisory guidance that went into effect on April 1, 2021 and recent updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on quarantine for the fully vaccinated and those who have recovered from COVID-19.

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

1. FOR VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO COVID-19

Asymptomatic individuals who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 do **not** need to quarantine after exposure to COVID-19.

Fully vaccinated individuals exposed to COVID-19 who are experiencing related **symptoms** must isolate themselves, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for COVID-19 if indicated.

2. FOR TRAVELERS

As of April 1, 2021, asymptomatic domestic travelers arriving in New York State from other U.S. states and territories **are not required** to test or quarantine. Domestic travelers do not need to quarantine if they are fully vaccinated or have recovered from laboratory confirmed COVID-19 within the previous 3 months.

Asymptomatic international travelers arriving in New York must comply with all CDC requirements for testing and quarantine after international travel. This requirement applies to all international travelers irrespective as to whether they were tested before boarding, are recovered from a previous COVID infection, or are fully vaccinated.

Symptomatic travelers must immediately self-isolate and contact the local health department or their healthcare providers to determine if they should seek COVID-19 testing.

Consult the latest [NYS travel advisory](#) and the [CDC website](#) for more information.

LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND QUARANTINE ORDERS

Local health departments (LHDs) will continue to identify individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Contact tracing interviews now include questions about vaccination status and previous COVID infection. Contact tracers may validate reports of vaccination status in NYSIIS or CIR, the statewide immunization registry, during the interview. Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine after exposure.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Consistent with ongoing NYS DOH requirements, individuals who test **positive for COVID-19 must isolate**. Information on the criteria and duration for isolation can be found [here](#).

As always, please continue to monitor symptoms, regardless of whether you have been fully vaccinated or not. All individuals exposed to COVID-19 must continue to:

- Monitor symptoms daily from day of exposure (or first date of awareness of exposure if there is a delay) through Day 14;
- Continue strict adherence to all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions, including hand hygiene and the use of face coverings, through Day 14 (even if fully vaccinated);
- Immediately self-isolate if any symptoms develop and contact the local public health authority or health care provider to report this change in clinical status and determine if testing is required.

As staff members and parents continue to get vaccinated, please remember that most children under 16 cannot be vaccinated yet. We should continue to wear masks and social distance in order to keep our students safe. Thank you for your continued patience and dedication to our children.

Sincerely,

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