

# East Granby Public Schools

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Dear East Granby Parents and Guardians:

Recently, the Connecticut Department of Public Health offered an additional option called Screen and Stay for unvaccinated students who have had a **school** exposure to coronavirus, in hopes of having them continue to learn in person. The reasoning behind this is in light of the extremely low statistical reports of in-school transmission. This does not apply to at-home or other non-masked, closed distancing exposures, which should still result in quarantining. Here are the conditions which would allow the student to “quarantine/ Screen and Stay” in school:

- The student was consistently wearing a mask at school or while riding the bus, if within three feet.
- The student was six feet or more apart from the positive case for 15 minutes or fewer if unmasked (such as lunch or recess).
- The student is not experiencing symptoms.
- The parents/guardians are able to daily monitor the child for symptoms

The student can NOT come to school, but must quarantine at home if:

- The close contact was outside of school (sports, social, neighborhood gatherings).
- Eating/ mask break occurred within six feet for greater than 15 minutes.
- There was participation in an aerosol generating activity without proper distancing (case by case by administration and FVHD)
- Masks were not consistently worn
- Experiencing symptoms
- The parent/guardian can not perform daily screenings

(Please note, some other districts are not able to fully utilize this option because, unlike EGPS, their students are not able to eat six feet apart or more.)

If a determination allowing the student to return to school is made, the student will have alternative activities in music and physical education, will eat and have recess at a distance of six feet or greater, and be screened daily by parents/guardians.

It is recommended by the CT Department of Health students in Screen and Stay get tested on day 5, and if they are negative they can resume normal activities on Day 8.

If a student begins showing symptoms while on Screen and Stay, the child must quarantine at home, following the FVHD’s previously released protocol: [Daily Screening for Parents](#) and the [COVID Self-Quarantine document](#). (Found on the East Granby Public Schools’ website.)

During this Screen and Stay time period, the student should not participate in extracurricular activities, such as club sports, dance lessons, birthday parties, etc., but should treat the off-school hours as a quarantine time.

As children ages 5 - 11 are now eligible to receive vaccines, the Farmington Valley Health Department is working with the Emergency Medical Reserve Corps (EMRC) in holding three clinics, where over 1,200 students will be vaccinated in our region in the next few weeks. They reported the initial available slots filled up within an hour and added ones filled up quickly, too. While those spots are filled, however, there are many clinics being held around the state, focusing on vaccinating children.

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