

Frequently Asked Questions - January 2022

What is the updated COVID-19 testing policy?	Effective January 1, 2022, all students, faculty, and staff will be required to participate in weekly COVID-19 PCR tests every Wednesday from 7:15 am to 10 am. More information on registration and testing policies can be found <u>here</u> .
My student was participating in the weekly testing at CRJ before the holiday break. Do I need to register them for this testing as well?	No, if your student has been tested for COVID at Cristo Rey at least once this school year, you do not need to register them again.
When does mandatory testing begin?	The first round of mandatory testing will occur at Cristo Rey on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. <u>Please note this first</u> <u>week of testing will be during the asynchronous learning</u> <u>week, but students and staff will need to report to the school</u> <u>briefly that morning between 7:15-10 am to get tested.</u>
Will there be transportation provided for testing on January 12, 2022?	Our morning shuttle will be available at the normal time from the normal spot (7:00am at BCCC/Liberty Heights). On January 12th, the shuttle will be round trip so any student who rides the shuttle to school can ride it from school (back to BCCC) as well.
Will booster shots be required of all students, staff, and faculty?	As of now, booster shots are not required, however, we strongly encourage all who are able to receive a booster shot to do so. Being fully vaccinated is the strongest defense against COVID-19 and all of its variants. There is currently a booster clinic scheduled at Cristo Rey for all eligible students and staff on January 19, 2022, however, this date is subject to change. Additional communication will be sent with details specific to the booster clinic. Please see the COVID-19 Booster information and guidelines <u>here</u> .
What is the re-opening schedule?	Cristo Rey will officially reopen for asynchronous virtual learning on Monday, January 10 for one week. Expectations of this asynchronous week will be communicated by Principal Reap by email on Sunday, January 9.

	We plan to re-open to in-person learning on Tuesday, January 18.
Will lunch still be held in the cafeteria? What measures will be taken to minimize the spread while eating?	Lunch will still be held in the cafeteria, however, students may be placed in smaller groups to allow for more social distancing between students.
If enough people are sick will school become virtual?	Our number one priority is the health and safety of our school community and it is our plan, that with our updated health and safety protocols, that we will be able to safely continue to keep school open for in-person learning. In the event that there is a large number of absences due to COVID-19 we will communicate a temporary asynchronous/ virtual learning plan.
How long will my student need to be out of school if they receive a positive test?	This information is continually evolving as we follow the recommendations from the CDC and MD Department of Health. The current guidance states that students who test positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days and may return on the 11th day as long as they are asymptomatic. If your student continues to show symptoms after 10 days, please keep them home until they no longer have symptoms. We will keep the community informed as the CDC and MDH updates their guidance.
Will my student still be responsible for school work if they are out sick with COVID?	If your student is home sick with COVID-19, our top priority is their health and safety. Guidance will be coming forth from Principal Reap and your student's teachers regarding the policies for completing assignments while out of school and work missed due to absence.
What cleaning measures are being put in place?	High traffic areas are being cleaned daily. We have added air purifiers to classrooms and highly traveled areas of the school as well as hired a professional cleaning company to come in several times a week. Teachers are also spraying down desks with anti- bacterial spray at the beginning and ending of each class period. Importantly, surface transmission is not the main route that COVID-19 spreads. The primary route of transmission is through direct respiratory droplets. (Science <u>Brief: SARS-CoV-2 and Surface (Fomite) Transmission for Indoor Community Environments CDC</u>)
How long will the testing policy be in effect?	The mandatory weekly COVID-19 testing policy will likely be in effect for the remainder of the academic year. However, CRJ will review this policy at the end of Q3.

When will we find out the results of our students' COVID-19 tests?	Testing results will be emailed out within 24-48 hours of the test being completed. Please contact <u>Nurse Tatum</u> if you have trouble accessing your results.
My student tested negative for COVID but is still sick. Can they come to school?	If your student is feeling ill in any way please keep them home until they are no longer symptomatic. We want to minimize our community's exposure to illness as much as possible.