

February 4, 2022  
Re: COVID Update

Dear Morgan Autism Center Families and Caregivers:

Based on updated County Department of Health Guidelines and in consultation with health professionals, we will be implementing a shortened quarantine protocol for students/clients who are exposed to COVID. Below, please find details of the new policy as well as other updates to our COVID response.

- If your student/client is exposed to COVID: We will be moving to a model that allows for a shorter, 5 day quarantine period. In order to be eligible for this shortened quarantine, a negative antigen test is required on day 5 before returning to campus. Students and clients who are fully vaccinated and able to wear a mask are eligible for no quarantine (with negative test results and no symptoms)
- Staff Masking: Given the high transmissibility of Omicron, we have adjusted our masking protocol for staff. All staff will now be wearing an N95 or equivalent mask (surgical with a cloth mask over the top). Please continue to practice masking with your student or client at home
- Testing: To support families who are unable to find home kits or other testing resources, Morgan Autism Center can facilitate testing on campus in cases of symptomatic individuals or returns to campus from quarantine. Parents must give consent and/or be present for testing (circumstance dependent)

### How Can You Help?

- Exposures have wide ranging effects, often requiring entire classrooms/programs to quarantine. Unfortunately, students/clients are often not able to report symptoms. Please continue to monitor your student/client for symptoms and contact us immediately if you or a family/household member tests positive. **DO NOT SEND STUDENT OR CLIENT TO CAMPUS IF THEY ARE EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS.** In the case of the Omicron variant, individuals often exhibit symptoms up to two days before testing reveals infection. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us
- Register your student/client on the [Primary Health Platform](#) registry. This tool will help us to track test results. This step is imperative to take advantage of our on-site testing program