



March 19, 2021

Dear Valley Park Community:

On Monday morning, St. Louis County Executive Sam Page announced that Saint Louis County has updated its quarantine guidelines to align with the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As such, when students and staff return from spring break on March 29th we will shorten the length of required COVID-19 isolation and quarantine, based on the guidelines established by the CDC and now supported by St. Louis County.

UPDATED QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION GUIDELINES

- **DIRECT CONTACTS:** Under the County's new guidelines, individuals who have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days, beginning with the first day of exposure. After 10 days, they are free to end quarantine and return to school if they have no symptoms. Under the previous order, the length of quarantine was 14 days.
- **POSITIVE CASES:** Similarly, individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. If patients have no fever for at least 24 hours and symptoms are improving, they can end isolation after 10 days. Until now, those who tested positive for COVID-19 would need to isolate for up to 14 days as well.
- **MONITORING SYMPTOMS:** In both situations, individuals must continue to monitor their symptoms during days 10-14, and may not return to school if they show any COVID-19 symptoms on the [Healthy Hawk Checklist](#).

EXCEPTIONS:

- Individuals who are fully vaccinated will not be required to quarantine, beginning 14 days after they receive their final dose of the vaccine.
- In addition, if an individual has had a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 previously, they will not have to quarantine for 90 days from the date of their positive test.
- In both situations, individuals will be asked to monitor symptoms if they are exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have followed St. Louis County's guidance for quarantine and isolation. If a student or staff member in a school building tests positive for COVID-19, our district nurse or district administration will begin the contact tracing process and communicate directly with anyone who had direct contact with the individual who tested positive.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we make every effort to make decisions that protect the health and wellness of our Valley Park staff, students, and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tim Dilg
Superintendent



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IMPORTANT UPDATES

EARLY CHILDHOOD & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Valley Park School District is now enrolling Early Childhood and Kindergarten students for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have school-aged children or know of a resident who does, please call us today! [636.923.3600](tel:636.923.3600). A child is eligible for admission to kindergarten if the child reaches the age of five (5) before the first day of August of the school year beginning in that calendar year. For more information on Kindergarten Registration [click here](#). For more information on Early Childhood, Registration [click here](#).

FOCUS GROUPS

We are currently seeking volunteers to spend about an hour with us virtually to share your thoughts, hopes, and dreams that you hold for the Valley Park School District students. Your input is very important to us and will help inform the design of our new strategic plan that will guide our school district on a continuous improvement journey over the next few years. We have arranged 8 sessions for parents and guardians to share their feedback. To volunteer and register for a session, please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/vppgfocus>.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

Be sure to keep up-to-date with all the athletic competitions this spring by visiting our athletics calendar: [Athletics / Athletics Calendar \(vp.k12.mo.us\)](#). This spring we will be allowing two spectators for both home and visiting players. Most of our conference opponents have elected to only allow home fans this spring. Non-conference opponents will vary based on the district and county they reside in. This spring the Hawks are competing in the Alternative Fall Season (Cross-Country, Volleyball, Softball, and Boys Soccer) and traditional spring season (Baseball, Track, Golf, Girls Soccer).

4TH QUARTER LEARNING MODEL

The Valley Park School District will observe Spring Break March 19th-28th. We look forward to the return of students on Monday, March 29th. When students return from spring break, we will continue to educate all K-12 in-person learners 4-days a week (Monday-Thursday) through the end of the school year (May 27th). Fridays will continue to be a virtual learning day.

STATE TESTING

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has mandated that all schools and ALL students be tested this spring. This includes our students who opted for 100% virtual learning since the start of the pandemic. Our current testing window is as follows:

Valley Park Elementary Grades 3-5: **April 12 – May 14

Valley Park Middle School Grades 6-8; **April 30-May 14

Valley Park High School EOCs (Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Biology, 10th ELA, Government) **April 27-May 4

Virtual students will be provided options from their school for attending a testing session. These options will vary by school, so please watch for that communication following spring break. Testing for virtual students will typically occur on Fridays when our in-person learners are learning at home. This will reduce our capacity and allow us to test our virtual students on campus in the safest environment possible. For more information, please see our [March 10th communication](#).

VALLEY PARK ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Valley Park Athletic Association (VPAA) is finalizing registration for the Spring/Summer (4U-6U) Pre-School & Kindergarten Training League. The registration closes March 22nd and games will be played in May and June. [Click here for more info](#).