



Ascension Leadership COVID Guidelines 2022-2023

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relaxed its COVID-19 guidelines Thursday, August 11, 2022, dropping the recommendation that Americans quarantine themselves if they come into close contact with an infected person, and said people no longer need to stay at least 6 feet away from others **but should mask indoors in areas of high-level community risk.**

People who are not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations and come into close contact with a person who tests positive, are no longer urged to stay home **but should wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested after five.** Day of contact is day 0 with following day being day 1.

The agency continues to say that people who test positive should isolate from others for at least five days, regardless of whether they were vaccinated. CDC officials advise that people can end isolation, after five days, if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication and they are without symptoms, or the symptoms are improving.

When Talladega County's community level is: High. We will follow the guidelines above relative to quarantine and testing, and indoors **masks should be worn.** **When Talladega County's community level is below: High, we will follow our previous indoor guidelines relative to healthy distancing, and masks may be removed indoors when healthy distancing can be maintained.** We will monitor Talladega County's community levels and will adjust the mask requirement accordingly.

As a precaution, we will continue to daily monitor everyone's temperature using a non-touch digital thermometer. Each person's average temperature will be determined and recorded. After establishing the average temperature, an individual will be considered to have a temperature when their average temperature is 1.4 degrees above their recorded average temperature. Anyone having a temperature will be asked to immediately isolate, leave the campus as soon as possible, and return following guidelines relative to COVID and Ascension's non-Covid When to Return to School after illness guideline published in the Student Handbook and Code of Conduct.