

Frequently Asked Questions

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, can they come to school?

Positive students must isolate for 10 days following a positive test or onset of symptoms. They may return if **all** the following criteria are met:

- 10 days have passed since symptoms began or if asymptomatic since positive test result, and
- Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, and
- Improvement in symptoms

Students who are experiencing symptoms may be sent home and must quarantine for 10 days after the onset of symptoms. They may return if one of the following criteria is met:

- 10 day stay-at-home period, or
- Obtain a negative COVID test, or
- Alternate diagnosis from a medical professional, **AND**
- Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications, and
- Improvement in symptoms

The district will follow the student's physician's guidance for all COVID positive cases. Parents must get written guidance from their child's doctor and share that with the campus secretary or nurse as quickly as possible.

How will quarantines and isolations work for 2021-2022?

Students and staff will not be required to quarantine for exposure. Students are not required to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19 and may attend school as long as they are not showing any symptoms of the disease AND have **not** received orders from a doctor to quarantine.

We **HIGHLY ENCOURAGE** parents of students who are close contact to a positive individual living in the same household to keep their students at home during the recommended stay-at-home period and monitor for symptoms.

Positive students will be required to isolate at home for at least 10 days from either positive test or onset of symptoms. Students must have improvement in symptoms and must be fever-free or without signs of a fever, diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours without the use of medications.

Can I request that my student be tested for COVID-19 at school after close contact or is showing symptoms?

Yes, if a student develops symptoms at school and is sent to the nurse, a student can receive a COVID test as long as there is parental consent on file. **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH SYMPTOMS TO TEST.** Please contact the school nurse for more information and how to complete a parent consent form.

If I, or someone in my home is positive for COVID-19, can I send my child to school?

Please follow the advice of your healthcare provider. Students are not required to quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19 and may attend school as long as they are not showing any symptoms of the disease. We ask that you consent to COVID testing at school for 7 days following exposure (day of exposure is day 0) prior to the beginning of the school day. **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH SYMPTOMS TO TEST.**

We **HIGHLY ENCOURAGE** parents to keep their child at home during the recommended stay-at-home period. We ask that you closely monitor your child for any symptoms and recommend following the advice of your healthcare provider.

If my child is a close contact to a COVID-positive case, what does the district recommend?

We **HIGHLY ENCOURAGE** parents of students who are close contact to a positive individual living in the same household to keep their students at home during the recommended stay-at-home period and monitor for symptoms. Please follow the advice of your healthcare provider.

What is considered as close contact?

Exposure is not necessarily close contact. Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period.