



SCHOOL DISTRICT & HEALTH DEPARTMENT DECISIONS & NOTIFICATIONS FOR A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE

Student (S) or Employee (E) reports illness while at school.

Does S/E have one or more symptoms of COVID-19:
Fever*, Cough*, Difficulty Breathing*, Shortness of Breath*, or Loss of Taste/Smell?

YES

NO

If a S/E is diagnosed with other illnesses such as strep, mono, flu, etc., a note from a healthcare provider is required.

If your child is sent home from the clinic, they may return to school in 24 hours if they do not exhibit any other symptoms, and are fever free without the use of fever reducing medication. A doctor's note is not required.

Consider possible COVID-19 case and:

1. Isolate S/E.
2. School employees will continue to use appropriate PPE/practice social distancing and perform hand hygiene.
3. S/E should be picked up/sent home as soon as possible.
4. Refer to healthcare provider for evaluation and/or testing for COVID-19.

COVID-19 SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDER?

NO

Unless a different diagnosis is provided by a healthcare professional, a S/E sent home with a fever should not return to school until he or she does not have a fever for a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications, and does not exhibit any other symptoms of COVID-19.

However, a doctor's note is required to return. If S/E chooses not to go to the doctor, then they are required to quarantine for 10 days.

YES

If student or employee* has had contact outside of the classroom setting with another person who has a positive COVID-19 test result and was notified by the Health Department or the District that they were considered a close contact, that person must quarantine as directed by the school district or health department, most likely for at least 10 days. [Refer to this chart for additional information.](#)

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CCPH CONTACTED AND INVESTIGATION BEGINS - SCHOOL DISTRICT WORKS IN COLLABORATION WITH CCPH AS LEAD FOR CONTACT TRACING.

Quarantine period required of any staff* or student who is determined to have 'close contact exposure' outside of the classroom setting as determined by CCPH.

CCPH will develop letter for district to communicate to parents/staff, explaining what is considered exposure and defining possible need for quarantine.

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- The S/E must not have a fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications;
- Other symptoms are improving; and
- It has been 10 days since the symptoms first appeared.
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COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

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- *Shortness of breath
- *Difficulty breathing
- *Loss of taste or smell
- *Cough
- Fatigue
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion
- Runny nose
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