



Protocol for symptomatic or positive COVID-19 student or staff

Definition of COVID-19 exposure:

Within fewer than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes (*masks are not a mitigating factor*) of an individual who has tested positive or who has been exposed to a known positive case and is exhibiting

two or more COVID-like symptoms during their infectious period (*two days prior to their test or first symptoms, until no longer showing symptoms or 10 days after their positive test*).

Student/staff member has any of the following symptoms (*not related to chronic health conditions*)

- Fever or chills
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Nausea or vomiting
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea

Send to school nurse's isolation area where the parent/guardian will pick up student. Staff member or parent/guardian will need to contact health care provider (*or local clinic/ urgent care center*).

If student or staff member has emergency warning signs while waiting, 911 will be called and operator notified that the person may have COVID-19

Student or staff member may return to school if:

- they have a note from a medical provider; AND
- they have a negative COVID-19 test

Student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19:

The school will notify the local health department (LHD) (*or the local health department will notify the school if they are notified first*)

1. The local health department (LHD) will contact the student, parent/guardian or staff member who tested positive to start contact tracing.
2. The LHD will notify the school for assistance with contact tracing.
3. Anyone who is considered a close contact will be quarantined for 14 days from the last exposure and should monitor for symptoms. Testing is recommended 5-7 days after exposure.

NOTE: Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the school nursing professional, the local health department(s) and the school medical director.

Any student or staff member who tests positive must be released by their LDH **before** they may return to school.

Close contacts to a positive case can return to school after their 14 day quarantine period AND after consultation with their LHD.