



**Student Intervention Services
School Health COVID-19 Guidelines**

To protect the safety and health of students and staff, school officials may send home or deny entry to any student, visitor, or staff member with any symptoms of illness.

1. What actions will be taken if my child has symptoms of COVID-19 while at school?

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include but are not limited to the following:

- Fever (100.4 or higher)
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough baseline)
- GI – Symptoms - Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain (moderate to severe)
- Body or muscle aches
- New onset of severe headache (moderate or severe).
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nasal congestion or runny nose

Remember that symptoms of COVID-19 may present somewhat differently in children than adults. In addition, children will often have milder illness or no symptoms at all.

[\(Always check the CDC's website for the most updated list of symptoms.\)](#)

If the student has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, the student will be required to:

- Wear a mask and remain in a designated isolation area on the school campus;
- Parent/Guardian will be notified to pick up the student immediately;
- Student will not return to school until:
 - 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND
 - 24 hours have passed with no fever or other COVID-like symptoms without the use of medications.
 - If the student is tested for COVID-19 and has a negative test result, the student may return to school after 24 hours with no fever or symptoms **without** the use of medications. **Documentation of the negative test is required.**
 - If the student sees their healthcare provider and is diagnosed with an alternative illness other than COVID-19, the standard exclusion criteria for that condition will be followed, which in most cases is 24 hours symptom free without the use of medications. **A note from the healthcare provider will be required in this case.**

The protocol for students who do not have a temperature of 100.4 or higher but have other COVID-like symptoms will be as follows:

- Designated school staff will determine if the student has a pre-existing condition to explain symptoms by checking the emergency card, individual health care plan, etc.
- If no pre-existing condition exists, the student will be isolated and required to wear a face mask.

- Parent/Guardian will be notified to pick up the student immediately.
- Student cannot return to school until they can answer “YES” to ALL the following:
 - It has been at least 10 days since student first had COVID-like symptoms (see above list of symptoms), AND
 - Student has been without symptoms and fever free for 24 hours (1 day) without taking any medication.

 - If the student is tested for COVID-19 and has a negative test result, the student may return to school after 24 hours with no fever or symptoms **without** the use of medications. **Documentation of the negative test is required.**
 - If the student sees their healthcare provider and is diagnosed with an alternative illness other than COVID-19, the standard exclusion criteria for that condition will be followed, which in most cases is 24 hours symptom free without the use of medications. A note from the healthcare provider will be required in this case. **A note from the healthcare provider will be required in this case.**

2. What action is taken if a student has a positive test result for COVID-19?

If the student has tested positive for COVID-19, the student must stay out of school and isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms AND at least 24 hours without fever or symptoms without the use of medications. For those students who test positive for COVID-19 and do not have symptoms, they must stay out of school and isolate for 10 days from the day of the positive test collection.

3. What if a student is identified as a close contact to an active COVID-19 case?

A student identified as a close contact to an active COVID-19 case must quarantine for 14 days from the last day of contact with the positive case. The close contact must quarantine for 14-days, even if he/she is tested and has a negative test result.

4. What if a student has not been identified as a close contact but has reported being with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If the student has been within 6 feet or less of the positive case for 15 minutes or longer, the OCS D Student Services Program Director will work with school officials and the OCHD to verify if the student is cleared to be on campus.

5. What if a student reports contact with someone who was in direct contact with a positive COVID-19 case?

Contacts of contacts are not required to quarantine. These individuals are advised to continue practicing social distancing and are recommended to wear a face mask when in public places. Any individual who develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should seek medical evaluation.