



## COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions\*

### What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A temperature 100.4 or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- Red eyes
- Congestion
- Sore throat
- Nausea with or without vomiting
- Diarrhea

### What is considered an exposure to COVID-19?

Anyone who has been in close contact (less than six feet apart for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with a person who has confirmed COVID-19.

### What will be the screening criteria before entering school?

Both staff and students will be screened prior to campus entry. This screening will include verbal questions and a temperature check. Parents will be asked to provide written certification each day as to the following:

- Certification questions:
  - *Is anyone in the household or in close contact with the child confirmed COVID-19 positive or being tested for COVID-19?*
  - *Has the child experienced or reported any symptoms of COVID-19 in the previous 24 hours?*
- Temperature check of 100.3 or less

### What happens if my child has a positive COVID-19 test?

Notify us immediately. Continue to follow the medical advice from your pediatrician while isolating the child at home. The child may return to school when ALL of the following criteria are met:

- Ten (10) days have passed since the child tested positive, and
- No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medication, and
- Symptoms have improved (in the case where symptoms were present.)

### If my child tests positive, do they need to test negative before returning to school?

No. The child can return to school once the previous criteria have been met.

\*Information from the Centers for Disease Control as of 12/4/2020



### **What happens if someone who lives with or cares for the child tests positive for COVID-19?**

Notify us immediately. Contact your pediatrician and follow their recommendations while isolating the child at home. Monitor the child daily for symptoms, including temperature checks. The child may return to school once ten (10) days have passed since the child's exposure and the child continues to be symptom free.

### **What happens to the class for a child who is home because of an outside exposure?**

We will notify parents of that class regarding the exposure, recommending daily screening of their children for symptoms.

If the child exposed is confirmed positive, we will again notify parents. If the child had been in the classroom less than 10 days prior to receiving the test result, the class will be closed. All staff and students in the class will be asked to stay home and monitor symptoms until 10 days from their last encounter with the positive child have passed.

### **What happens if a student has symptoms during the day in my child's class?**

The child with symptoms will be isolated immediately and parents of the child will be notified. We will notify parents of the class that someone was isolated from the classroom.

Parents of the symptomatic child should contact their pediatrician right away and follow their medical advice. If child's pediatrician does not recommend testing, the child must stay out of school until symptoms improve and has no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medication.

If testing of the child is recommended and completed:

- *When results are positive*, parents of the class will be notified, the class closed, and all class students and staff placed on home isolation for 10 days while monitoring symptoms.
- *When results are negative*, the class may continue as normal. The symptomatic child will be asked to stay home until symptoms improve and has no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medication.

### **What happens if another child in my child's class is positive for COVID-19?**

If the child that has tested positive has been in the classroom in the past 10 days, the classroom will be closed. If during school hours, children and staff of the class will be sent home and asked to home isolate for 10 days while monitoring for symptoms.

Parents of any child who develops symptoms and tests positive during the 10-day home isolation should contact the school immediately.

Children without symptoms can return to the classroom after 10 days from the exposure to the positive child.



**What happens if my child's classroom is closed for 10 days?**

We will do our best to provide a virtual classroom experience during temporary closures.

**What happens if I have more than one child at the school in different classrooms?**

If one of the children from the home experiences symptoms during the school day, the other child(ren) will also be assessed. If symptom-free, they can stay until dismissal.

If one child from the home is being tested or has a concern for COVID-19, all children of the home will need to stay home until appropriate return criteria are met.

References:

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