

What to do if a student displays signs of COVID-19 or tests positive

Teacher or staff excuses student(s) from classroom, cohort/pod or area within the school and notifies school nurse or designated staff

Designated staff takes student(s) to isolation room/area until transportation can be arranged to send the student(s) home or to seek emergency medical attention

School nurse should assess ill student(s), COVID-19 testing can be completed onsite if school nurse consent has been signed by parent/guardian

Designated staff notify parent(s), guardians, or caregiver(s) of ill student(s)

Students should not remain at school if they have:

- Temperature greater than 100.4F
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- New rash
- Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Been identified as a close contact to a case of COVID-19

Students who are negative for COVID-19 or not tested can return to school when they are fever-free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medications

If a student is positive for COVID-19, a parent or guardian should contact his or her school

If an individual is identified as a close contact, health officials will reach out to the student's family or employee if there is a need to quarantine.

Families with students in a class where there is a case of COVID-19 will be notified as soon as possible with recommendations of public health officials

The need for quarantining depends on many factors including how long the student/staff was in close contact with the affected person, how far apart they were and whether either of the individuals is fully vaccinated.

The quarantine period will be determined by contact tracing staff and depends on several factors including exposure, vaccination status or symptoms. Typically the time can range from 7 to 14 days. If a contact has been fully vaccinated and is not exhibiting any symptoms, contact tracing staff will help determine if quarantine is required.

Students are able to return to school after a positive COVID-19 test when:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and
- Symptoms have improved

A negative test is not needed to return to school