

COVID-19 return to school protocol

For those who have tested positive for COVID-19

Remain at home at least 10 days from when symptoms first appeared, and until you are fever-free for at least one day without medication, and symptoms have improved.

Your local county health department will be notified by the clinic, hospital or laboratory. The county health department will conduct contact tracing and those individuals will be contacted by a county health department, not by the school district. The school may assist by providing the county health department classroom rosters and seating charts, etc. The county health department will make efforts to protect privacy and only will share information as allowed by regulations.

You will not be allowed to return to school until documentation from your county health department or physician stating you are able to return is provided.

Siblings and other members of your household that are considered close contacts must also remain at home until cleared by documentation from a county health department.

For those who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

If you are notified by your county health department you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, you are asked to follow the county health department's guidelines.

Remain home for 14 days following your last exposure to the individual who tested positive. You will be required to present documentation from your county health department or your physician to return to school after the 14 days has ended.

For those sent home from school due to COVID-19-like symptoms

If you are sent home from school due to COVID-19-like symptoms (refer to the chart regarding sending individuals home), you will need to remain home for 10 days and be symptom-free before returning.

You may visit your local healthcare provider and request documentation of an alternate cause of the symptoms (if there is one) and return to school following appropriate guidance.

For those who are absent from school

If you report an absence, you may re-enter school when you are feeling well enough to return. If you have COVID-19 symptoms shown in the Illness Protocol document, you will need to remain home for 10 days and be symptom-free, or receive documentation from your healthcare provider, before you are able to return to school.

What to do in case of absence

- Students, if able, will be required to live-Zoom their classes while absent, as attendance will be taken. If too ill to live-Zoom, the absence will be recorded as a regular sick day.
- Staff, if absent due to COVID-19 symptoms, will have an option to teach their classes from home. If unable to teach from home, sick leave or other available leave will need to be used.
- If a student or staff member are absent for more than three consecutive days, documentation from a healthcare provider is required to return to school.