

Screening, Isolating and Excluding Students & Staff During a Pandemic



| Screening & Mitigation | Exposure ¹ to COVID+ or presumed COVID+ individual? | When an individual exhibits symptoms at school | When can an individual return after COVID illness? |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District is providing written instructions to staff and families about when individuals should stay home and what information should be reported to school officials District will conduct temperature checks² <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relying on staff/parent to assess at home Temperature will be taken at school. Based on the District's face covering policy, an individual who is required to wear a face covering arrives without one, one will be provided. Students utilizing district transportation must wear a mask.⁷ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual must stay home until 14 days after last exposure Individual should self-monitor for symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check temperature twice a day Watch for fever over 100°F, cough, or shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID³ If no symptoms after 14 days, individual may return to school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student will be immediately separated from others. Student must be given a face covering Staff will be immediately relieved of duties and sent home District has designated an isolation room/area for students who exhibit symptoms to wait for parent/guardian transport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area will be separated from clinic/ other areas students are likely to visit⁴ Area will be supervised by school personnel maintaining social distance and wearing PPE If symptoms intensify before parent/guardian transport, District may arrange for emergency medical transport District has established a transportation protocol for situations where parent/guardian has no transportation Close off and thoroughly sanitize any areas of the building occupied by individual exhibiting symptoms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual may return to school after all of the following has occurred: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They are free of fever (without the use of medication) for at least 24 hours Symptoms have improved At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared⁵ <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> If testing is readily available, individual with a COVID+ test but no symptoms may return to school after <u>all</u> of the following has occurred: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They continue to have no symptoms 10 days have passed since positive test They have 2 negative tests, at least 24 hours apart⁶ <p>^{**} District will contact the local health department in all COVID+ or suspected COVID+ cases</p> <p>^{**} School Officials/Health Dept. will inform staff and families of students who have had close contact with a diagnosed COVID+ individual (while maintaining confidentiality consistent with applicable state and federal law) to stay home and self-monitor symptoms</p> |

¹ The CDC defines "exposure" as close contact with an individual (less than 6 feet) for more than 15 minutes. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

² See, ODH/ODE's COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 School, p. 6, which provides: "Schools should take temperatures of student and staff as they enter the building."

³ See, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

⁴ See, ODH/ODE's COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 School, p. 7.

⁵ See, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html> For persons with severe illness, duration of isolation for up to 20 days after symptom onset may be warranted.

⁶ See, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprevent-getting-sick%2Fwhen-its-safe.htm

⁷ Masks provided by the district (based on availability) and will not be free of cost to the individual.