

ISOLATION ROOM PROTOCOL

STUDENTS/STAFF WHO ARE NOT FEELING WELL SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL

STUDENTS WHO BECOME ILL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY:

- The teacher/staff member/security guard will notify the nurse via radio, email, or phone that a student feels ill.
- The student, wearing a mask, will be escorted by a staff member or security guard to the nurse's office or isolation room per the nurse's instruction.
- The school nurse will perform a medical assessment of the student. She will confirm recent travel status by the student to areas with high numbers of COVID cases and possible exposure to individuals with COVID. If the student has no fever, no symptoms of COVID, has not recently traveled, and has not been exposed to COVID, they may return to class.
- If a student **HAS A FEVER**, or **ONE** of the following symptoms of COVID, their parent/guardian will be contacted and the student will be sent home:
 - nausea/vomiting
 - diarrhea
 - cough
 - shortness of breath
 - difficulty breathing
 - new olfactory disorder
 - new taste disorder

- If a student **DOES NOT HAVE A FEVER, BUT HAS AT LEAST TWO** of the following symptoms of COVID, their parent/guardian will be contacted and the student will be sent home:
 - chills

- rigors (shivers)
- muscle aches
- headache
- sore throat
- fatigue
- congestion/runny nose
- Students may not be sent home on the bus for any reason. The parent or guardian must pick up the student as soon as possible. If they are unable to pick up the student within an hour, an emergency contact should be sent for the student.
- Students who meet the protocol criteria will be offered Covid testing by the District with parental permission. It will be the responsibility of the parent to transport the student to the testing site.
- Students at home under quarantine may participate in home instruction remotely as permitted by the District.

STAFF MEMBERS WHO BECOME ILL AT WORK

Staff members who become ill at work should check in with the school nurse for evaluation.

- If a staff member **HAS A FEVER 100.0 °F or greater**, or **ONE** of the following symptoms of COVID, they will be sent home immediately:
 - nausea/vomiting
 - diarrhea
 - cough
 - shortness of breath
 - difficulty breathing
 - new olfactory disorder
 - new taste disorder
- If a staff member **DOES NOT HAVE A FEVER, BUT HAS AT LEAST TWO** of the following symptoms of COVID, the staff member will be sent home immediately:
 - Chills
 - rigors (shivers)
 - muscle aches
 - headache

- sore throat
 - fatigue
 - congestion/runny nose
- Staff members who meet the protocol may be eligible for Covid testing through the District.
Please notify Terri Giorgianni or Kim McNee
 - Staff members may work from home during the quarantine period if permitted by the District.

GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL POST COVID-RELATED EXCLUSION:

- Students and staff who were sent home with COVID-19 symptoms may return to school after:
 - at least 24 hours have passed without the use of fever-reducing medications (Tylenol, Advil, or Motrin), other symptoms have improved

AND

providing the nurse's office with written documentation of a negative PCR COVID-19 test

OR

Completing quarantine at home per CDC/NJDOH guidelines and be symptom-free upon return

- Students and staff who were sent home with COVID-19 symptoms and had a **positive COVID-19** test result may return to school after:
 - at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset
- AND**
- at least 24 hours have passed without the use of fever-reducing medications (Tylenol, Advil, or Motrin) and other symptoms have improved.

Length of school exclusion determined by most current New Jersey Department of Health recommendations.

Health And Safety Guidance SY21/22:
[Road Forward - NJ.gov](#)

Addendum (1/28/21):

Students who reside in the same home of a child having COVID compatible symptoms will be quarantined until cleared to return per CDC/SCDOH guidelines.

Addendum (8/26/21)

Close contacts who are vaccinated are not required to quarantine. Contacts should self-monitor for Covid compatible symptoms, be tested if they become ill, and report symptoms/test results to the school nurse.

The exception, per CDC regulations: In the **K-12 indoor classroom** setting, the close contact definition ***excludes students*** who were within **3-6 feet of an infected student** (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where

- Both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks; ***and***
- Other K-12 school prevention strategies (such as universal and correct mask use, physical distancing, increased ventilation) were in place in the **K-12 school setting**.

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Edit (10/6/21)

Students and staff on Covid related exclusion from school no longer need to provide a doctor's note to return provided that they supply proof of a negative **PCR** test completed in the applicable time frame and are symptom free.