

ISOLATION ROOM PROTOCOL

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

STUDENTS/STAFF MEMBERS WHO BECOME ILL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY:

- Report to the Nurses Office for assessment
- If the student/staff member has ONE of the following symptoms consistent with COVID, they will be sent home:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Loss of smell
 - Loss of taste
- If the student/staff member has at least TWO of the following symptoms consistent with COVID, they will be sent home:
 - Fever
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Chills
 - Shivers
 - Muscle Aches
 - Headache
 - Sore Throat
 - Fatigue
 - Congestion or runny nose

- Students may not be sent home on the bus for any reason. The parent/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 isolation protocol criteria are eligible for Covid testing by the District with parental permission. It will be the responsibility of the parent to transport the student to the testing site. If the student's test is negative they are required to have a PCR test and provide the results to their school nurse before re-entering school.
- Students at home under quarantine may participate in home instruction remotely as permitted by the District.
- 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 must follow applicable guidelines for return to school.
- 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

If PCR testing is not done, the student/staff member will be required to follow guidelines for quarantine of a positive person.

- Students and staff who were sent home with COVID-19 symptoms and had a positive COVID-19 test result may return to school:

Elementary and All Staff: a minimum of 5 days have passed since symptom onset (day of symptom onset is day 0) and is able to consistently wear a mask-indoors and outdoors-days 6-10.

Middle School/High School Students: will require a full 10 days of quarantine, and may return on day 11.

AND

at least 24 hours have passed without the use of fever-reducing medications (Tylenol, Advil, or Motrin) and other symptoms have improved.

Close Contacts

Close contacts of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19 will be identified in accordance with public health recommendations for schools.

Please note that this guidance may vary depending upon an individual's vaccination status (unvaccinated; fully vaccinated; or "up to date", meaning the person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s), when eligible), the date of last contact with the positive person, and the ability of the positive person to isolate effectively if within the same household.

Upon return from quarantine, close contacts will follow applicable Return to School Guidelines. See the [Close Contact Chart](#)

Students who reside in the same household as someone who has COVID compatible symptoms will be quarantined until cleared to return per DOH guidelines.

When the district is mask optional, below are situations that may require masks to be worn:

- If your child becomes sick at school with Covid compatible symptoms and is being sent home
- At times in the nurse's office upon the nurse's discretion
- When the superintendent deems it necessary and appropriate based on guidance from the health department
- During periods of elevated community transmission

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