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COVID-19 Q & A

Q: Is my student required to wear a mask?

A: Yes, all students are required to wear facial coverings inside the school building and on the bus. Parents who wish to opt-out of this requirement for their child must complete an opt-out letter and return to the school.

Q: Are staff required to wear masks?

A: Yes, effective August 7, 2021, all staff are required to wear facial coverings inside the school building. This will be revisited every 30 days.

Q: Are masks and social distancing required for visitors?

A: Facial coverings will be required for visitors while inside. Social distancing will be encouraged. Visitors are not permitted to enter classrooms.

Q: Will contact tracing take place at the school when a positive COVID case is reported regarding a student or staff member while they were on campus?

A: Yes, contact tracing will take place immediately. The school will contact the Department of Health and submit the [FDOH Epidemiology Department Student Intake](#). From there, the DOH will assign an epidemiologist to the case. The school works closely with the epidemiologist to determine recommendations for quarantine and/or isolation. The school provides the DOH with contact tracing form and seating charts.

Q: How are students identified and recommended for quarantine?

A: When the school is informed that a student or staff member who tested positive was on campus during their infectious period, school officials begin contact tracing. They will determine any students or staff that have been in close contact with this individual. **Close contact** is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. The staff looks for close contacts in the student's class(es), extracurricular activities, bus, lunch, recess, before/after care, or any other club. Parents of students who have been in close contact are immediately notified by the school and are required to come and pick up their child immediately.

Q: If my child is placed in quarantine, what steps should I take for them to return to school safely?

A: The school receives recommendations from the DOH assigned epidemiologist for each case. The school also follows the CDC recommendations. These recommendations may change as local positivity rates fluctuate. [CDC Quarantine and Isolation](#)

Q: Will the Department of Health investigate positive and exposure cases?

A: Yes, both types of cases will be investigated given the required documentation (PCR test, FDOH Student Intake Information) to initiate an investigation is submitted to the FDOH.

Q: Does the school have an isolation room?

A: Yes, the school must have an isolation room with appropriate staff to monitor the isolation room. The isolation room is in addition to the school clinic. This will mitigate the transmission of the virus that could be present in an individual who is presenting with Covid-like symptoms.

Q: Will students have to be cleared by the FDOH to avoid quarantine and/or isolation?

A: Yes, the FDOH will be providing isolation and quarantine recommendations to the school for all investigated positive and/or exposure cases. The school will relay this information to the students who have been placed in quarantine with dates and procedures to return to school.

Q: If my child is placed in quarantine or tests positive, will they be marked absent?

A: If a child is required to stay home they can be marked PRESENT if they are engaged in work provided by their teacher(s) during the school day through the following ways:

- Google Classroom
- Email
- Packets of work picked up by an individual not under stay at home directive

If they are sick and unable to complete the work the parent must contact the school and the student will be marked ABSENT for that day.

Q: A member of my household has tested positive to COVID-19. What should I do?

A: You should not send your child to school and immediately inform the school of the situation. As with any contact with a communicable disease, you should speak to your healthcare provider or the Department of Health prior to sending your child back to school.

Q: My child was sent home from school because they were exhibiting symptoms. When can they return to school?

A: If a student starts to present COVID-19 symptoms at school, that student will be placed in a designated isolation room and must be picked up within the hour of the school's request that the child be sent home due to illness. Teachers will be informed of the student's dismissal for illness.

- If a student is sent home with two or more COVID-19-like symptoms, they must have a note from a health care provider to return to school.

- Students presenting a COVID-19-like symptom, who have an alternate diagnosis, will follow the routine school health practices, including staying home until the student is fever or symptom free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

Q: Will students with Covid like symptoms who are sent home be marked absent?

A: Yes, but with a doctor's note, it will be an excused absence.

