



McCall-Donnelly School District

Student Protocols and Procedures for Addressing COVID-19

**Student / Parent Self-Screening Procedures:**

Ask the following questions before attending school:

Do you have any symptoms that are not attributable to another condition?

- Fever or Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- New Loss of Taste or Smell

Are you ill, or caring for someone who is ill?

- Students who are well, but who have a family member at home with COVID-19 should stay home.
- In the two weeks before you felt ill, did you:
  - Have contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19?
  - Live in or visit a place where COVID-19 is spreading?

If the answer is YES to either of these questions:

- Do not attend school or school related activities.
- Contact your health care provider.
- Contact your school to notify them of your student's need to be absent.
- If you are able to manage your student's symptoms at home, your student may return to school when the following are true:
  - Your medical provider has determined a different illness than COVID-19 and cleared your student to return, or
  - Your student has two negative test results for COVID-19 within 24 hours separating the two tests and no symptoms, or
  - At least 10 days have passed from first clinical diagnosis symptom and at least 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication and when symptoms are improving.

**Procedures and Protocols for a Confirmed COVID-19 Case Among Students:**

***Student / Family Responsibilities:***

- If you have tested positive or have been confirmed to have COVID-19 or are living in a home with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:

- Do not attend school or school related activities.
- Notify your school of the positive test and your student's need to be absent.
- Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have not been tested but were directed to stay home from school may return to school under the following conditions, (per CDC guidance):
  - At least 1 days (24 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and,
  - Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath); and,
  - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

***Principal Responsibilities:***

- Notify District Nurse that you have a student who has tested positive for COVID-19. The District Nurse will contact Central District Health.
- Notify the Superintendent.
- In collaboration with the District Nurse, assist Central District Health with Contact Tracing and investigation to determine if the student contracted COVID-19 at school.
- Assist the Superintendent with communication to staff, students, and parents of the possible exposure to COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- In collaboration with the District Nurse and Central District Health, assist District with the implementation of the Pandemic Operation Plan for Confirmed Case in School.

***District Responsibilities:***

- District Nurse will contact Central District Health to notify them of student testing positive for COVID-19 and to determine an appropriate course of action based on the specific situation.
- Superintendent, in collaboration with building principal, will communicate with staff, students and parents of the possible exposure to COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality as required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Health Insurance Portability Act (HIPAA) and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).
- District Nurse, in collaboration with building principal, will assist Central District Health with Contact Tracing and investigation to determine if the student contracted COVID-19 in the school.
- In collaboration with the building principal and Central District Health, implement Pandemic Operation Plan for Confirmed Case in School.

All plans and guidance are subject to change, based upon updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Central District Health (CDH) and local healthcare providers.

# Illness Decision Tree for Schools

## Q1: Are you experiencing COVID-19 symptoms? They include:

- » Fever (100.4°F or 38°C) without having taken any fever-reducing medications, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- » Chills
- » Cough
- » Fatigue
- » New or unusual headache
- » Muscle aches
- » Congestion or runny nose
- » Loss of smell or taste
- » Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite
- » Sore throat
- » Shortness of breath

(One or more of these symptoms that is a new onset or is an increase in severity)

**YES, I HAVE SYMPTOMS**

**NO SYMPTOMS**

## Q2: HAVE YOU -

**2.1:** Had close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case?

**2.2:** Travel to or live in an area that is designated Category 3 (Substantial Community Transmission)?

**YES, to 1 or more**

**NO**

Quarantine yourself and contact your healthcare provider (HCP).

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Stay at home until you are fever free without medication for 24 hours and symptoms improve or resolve per school illness policy.

Have you been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19? (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more)

**YES**

**NO**

Quarantine yourself for 14 days from last exposure date.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Practice physical distancing and good hygiene.

**If YES to 2.1:**

Isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

**If YES to 2.2 & you received an alternative diagnosis or negative test:**  
Follow HCP & school guidance on when to return.

**If NOT tested:**  
Isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms and follow school return policy.

Anyone who has been identified as a close contact needs to quarantine regardless of symptoms or other illnesses, **EVEN** if you receive a negative test result.

**If YES to any of these, call:**