

COVID-19 Policies

Parents should health-screen their student at home before sending them to school. According to the CDC symptoms of COVID-19 can include but are not limited to fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose. The student must stay home if he/she is symptomatic, sick, or has been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Per the CDC, direct contact means within 6 feet of someone that has tested positive for at least 15 minutes.

Student Illness While at School

- I. Any student who presents with COVID-19 symptoms during school hours will immediately report to the nurse's office.
 - a. The nurse will isolate the student in her office away from other students and staff.
 - b. The student will have their symptoms checked and monitored and reported to a parent or guardian.
 - c. Any student with confirmed COVID-19 symptoms and/or a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit must be picked up by a parent a guardian immediately.
 - d. The nurse will oversee all checkout procedures for students who are suspected to have COVID-19 following the Protocol for Checkout of Sick Students. They will not report to the front office and will exit through the side door nearest the nurse's office.
 - e. The nurse will refer parents of high-risk students to their healthcare providers to determine when school re-entry is recommended
 - f. The nurse will communicate with all teachers and staff who have had contact with that student for the day.
- II. Any student who presents with general medical concerns or complains of being ill will report to the nurse's office.
 - a. Upon assessment of symptoms, the nurse will determine the best plan of action on a student by student basis.
 - b. The nurse will communicate with a parent or guardian of all ill students when necessary.
 - i. Students who need to be checked out, will do so directly from the nurse's office following the Protocol for Checkout of Sick Students. They will not report to the front office and will exit through the side door nearest the nurse's office.
 - ii. Students who have been assessed and deemed safe to remain at school will return to class with a time-stamped note from the nurse.

Protocol for Checkout of Sick Students

- I. Any student who checks out due to concerns of COVID-19 or any other illnesses will do so from the nurse's office.
 - a. The nurse will communicate with the parent or guardian of each student checking out.
 - b. The nurse will report to the front office the names of each student that will be checking out from her office.
 - c. The nurse will document all students checking out and complete a check out form to be turned into the front office at the end of each school day.
 - d. The student will stay in the nurse's office to isolate and be monitored until transportation arrives.
 - e. The parent/guardian is responsible for promptly picking up the student from school.

Return of Students and/or Staff Members After Confirmed or Suspected Positives

- I. Any student/staff member who has had a positive case of COVID-19 will need a release from a physician to be able to return to school.
- II. Any student/staff member who has been thought to have COVID-19 can return to school after:
 - 3 days with no fever **and**
 - Respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **and**
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared
 - **OR** a negative COVID-19 swab test result
 - **OR** a release from a physician stating it is safe for the student to return to school.

*The nurse will be required to keep track of students sent home for COVID-19 reasons. **Parents are encouraged to notify the school if a student tests positive or has been in direct contact with anyone who tests positive for COVID-19.***