

ISOLATION PROTOCOL FOR STAFF OR STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS IN A DISTRICT BUILDING

Symptoms of Infection: Fever (100.4°F or higher), New or worsened cough, Shortness of breath, Loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Diarrhea or vomiting, New onset severe headache.

Non-specific symptoms: Congestion, runny nose, sneezing, fatigue, body aches.

- For children with chronic medical conditions (such as allergies, asthma or migraine) symptoms should represent a change from their usual health status.
- If infection is suspected individual should be isolated and tested following this protocol.



SCHOOL IS NOTIFIED OF A POSITIVE CASE



Isolate for 5 days from date of initial symptoms or until fever free and symptoms are improving. If asymptomatic, 5 days from date of positive test. Continue to wear mask for 5 additional days at all times both in and out of school.
REPORT TO CPH

ISOLATE FOR 5 DAYS AND/OR OBTAIN COVID-19 VIRAL TEST
(Continue to isolate until test results are known or alternative diagnosis obtained)

POSITIVE Test or Clinical Diagnosis
Isolate for 5 days from date of initial symptoms as long as fever free and improving symptoms. Must continue to wear mask for 5 days at all times. Siblings in home should be monitored for symptoms and may need to quarantine if symptoms develop or if not fully vaccinated.

Written Alternative Diagnosis
Stay home until at least 24 hours have passed without fever and symptoms have improved.

Result of test Pending OR NO TEST DONE.
Isolate until viral test results are known.

NEGATIVE Test Result
Stay home until at least 24 hours have passed without fever and symptoms have improved.

DETERMINE IF POSITIVE CASE HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH STUDENTS OR STAFF IN DISTRICT BUILDING OR IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY. DETERMINE IF CLOSE CONTACT OCCURRED IN K-12 CLASSROOM/SCHOOL BUS. FOLLOW APPROPRIATE QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

This algorithm is based on guidance issued by the CDC and Columbus Public Health on 12/27/21 Isolation means physical separation from others to prevent exposure.