

BLS COVID Response Guide

September 1, 2021

The chart below explains the protocols in place in the event a student or staff member experiences COVID symptoms, tests positive for COVID, or has been in close contact to a positive COVID case. Should any of these occur, please contact one of our school nurses: [Michelle Harris](#), Monticello Road campus; [Bekah Wenning](#), Northeast campus; and [Kelly Tomlinson](#), St. Andrews Road campus. It is important to note that confirmed COVID test results must be lab-based. We remind our families, faculty, and staff to monitor their health and symptoms at home before arriving on campus.

COVID CLOSE CONTACT	POSITIVE COVID CASE	COVID SYMPTOMS
<p>If a student or staff member is in close contact to a positive COVID case, then:</p>	<p>If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, then:</p>	<p>If a student or staff member experiences COVID-like symptoms (included below) then:</p>
<p>1. Determine the level of exposure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has it been a close contact as defined by being within 6 feet of the positive case for 15 minutes or more, cumulatively or consecutively, over a 24-hour period? • Has it been within 48 hours of the positive case becoming symptomatic or testing positive for COVID? • Is the positive case in his/her household? <p>2. If determined to be in close contact and not experiencing any symptoms (asymptomatic), the individual may return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully vaccinated as long as the individual is not in the same household as the positive case. See #3 below for fully vaccinated, same household close contact. <p>OR</p>	<p>1. If not experiencing any symptoms (asymptomatic), the individual may return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has self-isolated until tested negative for COVID, received written doctor's clearance to return to campus, and symptoms do not develop. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has self-isolated for a 10-day period since the first positive test date. <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of symptoms and fever-free for at least 24 hours (no cough or shortness of breath, etc.). <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine. <p>2. If experiencing symptoms, the individual may return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has self-isolated for 10 days and received a written doctor's clearance to return to campus. <p>OR</p>	<p>If the symptoms develop while at school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -He/she will be isolated in a safe location. -Parent will be notified to arrange for pick up (for students). <p>If the individual experiences a leading symptom or two secondary symptoms AND he/she has NOT had close contact to someone with COVID, he/she can return to school when he/she:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has gained written doctor's clearance for whatever illness they may have and cannot return until they are medically-cleared accordingly. <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has quarantined at least 24 hours (no cough or shortness of breath, etc.). <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No fever for at least 24 hours without the

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close contact has tested positive for COVID in the last 90-day period (lab-confirmed test result required). <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has self-quarantined for 4 days since the last date of close contact, symptoms do not develop, and tested negative for COVID on or after day 5 (can return on day 5 or after with negative test). <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has self-quarantined for 7 days since the last date of close contact and symptoms do not develop (can return on day 8). <p>3. If the primary contact's exposure is ongoing (living with, caring for the individual), the individual may return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual is fully vaccinated, has self-quarantined for 3 days since the last date of close contact, tested negative for COVID on or after day 3, and symptoms do not develop. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close contact has tested positive for COVID in the last 90-day period (lab-confirmed test result required). <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has self-quarantined for 4 days since the last date of close contact, symptoms do not develop, and tested negative for COVID on or after day 5 (can return on day 5 or after with negative test). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has self-isolated for a 10-day period since the first positive test date or symptom onset (whichever came first). <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual is symptom-free for at least 24 hours (no cough or shortness of breath, etc). <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine. 	<p>use of fever-reducing medicine.</p> <p>If the student or staff member experiences a leading symptom or two secondary symptoms AND they have had close contact to someone with COVID, they can return to school when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has self-quarantined for 5-7 days since the last date of close contact and tested negative for COVID on or after day 5 (can return on day 5 or after with negative test). <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has self-quarantined for 7 days since the last date of close contact (can return on day 8). <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has gained written doctor's clearance for whatever illness he/she may have and cannot return until he/she is medically cleared accordingly. <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has quarantined at least 24 hours (no cough or shortness of breath, etc.). <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
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<p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual has self-quarantined for 7 days since the last date of close contact and symptoms do not develop (can return on day 8). <p>If the same household close contact is unable to quarantine away from the positive case, the quarantine period may be prolonged and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.</p>		
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COVID SYMPTOMS	COVID Primary Close Contact
<p>Leading Symptoms: one of the following symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever of 100.4°F or higher (without medication) • Loss of taste or smell • Persistent cough <p>Secondary Symptoms: two or more of the following symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chills • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Headache • Sore throat • Congestion or runny nose • Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea 	<p>What constitutes close primary contact to COVID?</p> <p>Primary close contact to COVID occurs when you are within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. This can also apply to situations in which the infected person did or did not show any symptoms at the time of primary contact, but it is much less likely. Close contact must have taken place within 48 hours of the positive case becoming symptomatic or testing positive.</p> <p>Secondary contact (contact to a potentially-exposed individual) is not considered exposure to COVID.</p>