

Independence School District
**HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS
FOR STUDENTS/STAFF EXPOSED TO A COVID-19 CASE**

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If a student/staff member is exposed to a positive case of COVID-19, the student/staff member should remain home for assessment and should consider testing.

Is the student/staff member exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19?
(fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or loss of taste or smell)

YES

NO

Is the student/staff member being tested for COVID-19?

YES

NO

Student/staff member should not return to school while awaiting COVID-19 test results.

COVID-19 Test Results

Positive

Negative

Student/staff member should not return to school until they have worked with the school nurse.

The nurse can approve students/staff to return if:

- 10 days* have passed since the first symptom appeared **AND**
- Student/staff member is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms should also be improving.

Students/staff members who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 and test negative should follow the same guidelines as a positive case before returning to school.

Student/staff member should not return to school for 14 days from last exposure.** If contact continues throughout the isolation period of the positive COVID-19 case, the student/staff member should not return until 14 days after the positive case is off isolation **AND** upon working with the school nurse.

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- 10 days have passed since the first symptom appeared **AND**
- Student/staff member is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms should also be improving.

***Individuals who are hospitalized for COVID-19 and/or are severely immunocompromised may warrant an isolation period of up to 20 days after their first symptom appeared.**

****Exposure is considered being within six feet of an individual with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer.**