

Independence School District
HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS
STUDENTS/STAFF PRESENTING WITH ILLNESS
AND RETURNING TO SCHOOL

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If a student or staff member exhibits one of the following:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher **OR**
- Two or more of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or loss of taste or smell,

the individual should stay home and follow the protocols listed below to safely return to school.

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

YES



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

COVID-19 Test Results

Positive



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.

Negative



Student/staff member may return to school upon working with the school nurse at their building.

NO



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 **OR**
- Student/staff member has a doctor confirmed explanation of symptoms.

***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.**