

Independence School District
HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS
STUDENTS/STAFF WITH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER
TESTING FOR COVID-19

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Student/staff member should not return to school/work if a member of their household is awaiting COVID-19 test results.

COVID-19 Test Results for Member of the Same Household

Positive



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.



Negative



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

**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



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/work.

NO



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.

*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.