

Independence School District  
HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS:  
**STUDENTS/STAFF RETURNING TO SCHOOL/WORK  
AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

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Student/staff members who test positive for COVID-19 should not return to school/work until they have worked with the school nurse. The nurse can approve students/staff to return if:

**SECTION A - SYMPTOMATIC**

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10 days have passed since the first symptom appeared. Symptoms include fever of 100 degrees or higher, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat or loss of taste or smell. (\*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.)

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**AND**

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Student/staff member is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symptoms should also be improving.

**SECTION B - ASYMPTOMATIC**



If the student/staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 did not exhibit any symptoms (asymptomatic), the student/staff member should not return for 10 days after the test was conducted and working with the school nurse. If symptoms develop anytime within the 10 day window, please follow the guidance outlined in **Section A**.

Visit [www.isdschools.org](http://www.isdschools.org) for Independence School District additional health and safety protocols.