



Independence School District HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS/STAFF EXPOSED TO SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 WITHIN THEIR HOUSEHOLD

If a student or staff member lives in the same household as someone with 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 student/staff member should not return to school/work if they are not fully vaccinated until they have worked with the school nurse. The nurse can approve students/staff to return if:

- 14 days have passed since the first symptom appeared in the household member **OR**
- The household member has a doctor confirmed explanation of symptoms **OR**
- The household member tests negative for COVID-19.

The student/staff member is not required to quarantine if they are fully vaccinated (unless symptomatic) or if the student/staff member is within 90 days of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis.

If a student/staff member develops any symptoms of COVID-19 during the 14 day quarantine, the student/staff member should continue to stay home and follow the protocols listed below to safely return to school.

Is the student/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.

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.

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

***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.**