

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



5 days have passed since the first symptom appeared
AND the student/staff member tests negative for
COVID-19.

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.



AND



Student/staff member is fever-free for 24 hours
without the use of fever-reducing medication. Symp-
toms should also be improving. Student/staff member
should continue to wear a mask around others for five
additional days.

SECTION B - ASYMPTOMATIC



If the student/staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 did not exhibit any symp-
toms (asymptomatic), the student/staff
member should not return for 5 days after the test was conducted AND the student/
staff member tests negative for COVID-19. If symptoms develop anytime within the 5
day window, please follow the guidance outlined in [Section A](#).