

2021/2022 GIPS RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES

Student with Symptoms

One of the following symptoms

- New loss of taste or smell
- New onset of shortness of breath
- New onset of cough
- Temperature of 100.0 or greater

Two or more of the following symptoms lasting more than 24 hours from an unknown cause

- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- Exposure to a COVID-19 positive case

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Proof of a negative COVID-19 test

OR

Note from their healthcare provider stating they are cleared to return.

Student that tests POSITIVE for COVID who has symptoms

May return when -

- At least 5 days have passed since onset of symptoms
- AND
- Student has no symptoms
- AND
- The isolated student has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication

Must wear a mask for an additional 5 days (days 6-10 from symptom onset).

Student that tests POSITIVE for COVID but has NO symptoms

May return -

- after 5 days from date of test and wear a mask for an additional 5 days.

*If symptoms develop, follow steps for positive with symptoms.

Students waiting on COVID test results must be excluded until results are available.

Student that tests NEGATIVE for COVID

May return -

- 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medicine.
- 24 hours since last episode of vomiting or diarrhea
- Other symptoms improved

Student that has illness unrelated to COVID

May return-

- Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine
- No episodes of vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours
- Provides a note from doctor that clears student to return to school or states that the student is not contagious
- If COVID-19 is ruled out and student has a different diagnosis like influenza, return based on new diagnosis

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Close contact with a positive case

- According to DHHS July 2021 guidelines, exposed students will self monitor in lieu of quarantine.
 - If symptoms develop during monitoring period, students will follow isolation guidelines.
- Students who have close contact with a COVID-19 positive case outside of school will be encouraged to self monitor, wear a mask and follow CDHD guidance.
- Students are encouraged to follow quarantine or stay home orders from their healthcare provider or CDHD if they have been exposed to a positive case.
- Families are asked to provide documentation of quarantine dates from healthcare provider or CDHD.

Close Contact

Within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more.

Close Contact - waiting on test results

If a household member or close contact is being tested for COVID, students can remain in school unless they develop symptoms.

Positive COVID-19 case numbers will be displayed on the GIPS COVID-19 dashboard on the district website.

Families can check the dashboard for an update on positive COVID-19 cases in the district.