

GIPS RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDELINES

Students who are sick

May return-

- If temperature remains below 100.0 for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine.
- If no episodes of vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.
- If provides a note from a healthcare provider that clears the student to return to school or states that the student is not contagious.
- Based on guidelines for specific diagnosis such as influenza, COVID-19, strep throat, etc.

Students waiting on test results for communicable illnesses must be excluded until results are available.

Close Contact - waiting on COVID test results

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

Close contact with a positive COVID 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 self monitor, wear a mask and follow CDHD guidance.
- Students may 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 if applicable.

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
- If temperature has been below 100.0 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.

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 COVID-19 cases in the district.