

ISOLATION PROTOCOL FOR STAFF OR STUDENTS WITH SYMPTOMS IN A DISTRICT BUILDING

Symptoms of Infection: Fever (100.4°F or higher), New or worsened cough, Shortness of breath, Loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Diarrhea or vomiting, New onset severe headache.

Non-specific symptoms: Congestion, runny nose, fatigue, body aches.

- For children with chronic medical conditions (such as allergies, asthma or migraine) symptoms should represent a change from their usual health status.
- If infection is suspected individual should be isolated and tested following this protocol.

SCHOOL IS NOTIFIED OF A POSITIVE CASE

ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS AND/OR OBTAIN COVID-19 VIRAL TEST
(Continue to isolate until test results are know or alternative diagnosis obtained)

Isolate for at least 10 days from date of initial symptoms or, if asymptomatic, from date of positive test.
NURSE REPORTS TO CPH

POSITIVE Test or Clinical Diagnosis
Isolate for at least 10 days from date of initial symptoms or, if asymptomatic, from date of positive test.
Siblings in home must quarantine. NURSE REPORTS TO CPH.

Written Alternative Diagnosis
Stay home until at least 24 hours have passed without fever and symptoms have improved.

Result of test Pending or No test done.
Isolate until viral test results are known. **Siblings** in home may attend school.

NEGATIVE Test Result
Stay home until at least 24 hours have passed without fever and symptoms have improved.

DETERMINE IF POSITIVE CASE HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH STUDENTS OR STAFF IN DISTRICT BUILDING OR IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY. DETERMINE IF CLOSE CONTACT OCCURRED IN K-12 CLASSROOM/SCHOOL BUS. FOLLOW APPROPRIATE QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

This guidance is based on the **Child In-Person Participation Algorithm Guidance** issued by Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Franklin County Public Health and Columbus Public Health updated on 7/27/21.

Isolation means physical separation from others to prevent exposure.