

USD 262 Covid-19 School Exclusion Guidance

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Since the beginning of the pandemic, guidelines related to Covid-19 have continually evolved. The following represents the current USD 262 Covid-19 guidelines.

Those who are experiencing symptoms:

Remain at home. Contact your child's school nurse to schedule a diagnostic testing appointment. Those who test positive must remain at home and follow the positive case protocols. Those who continue to experience symptoms may need additional testing or clearance to return to school from a health care provider.

Positive Case:

Positive cases must remain at home for 10 full days (symptom onset/positive test date is day 0). **OR**

- Remain at home for five full days (symptom onset/positive test date is day 0).
- If after five days the person is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications and have no symptoms or their symptoms are resolving, the person can return to school/work but must wear a well-fitting mask at all times for an additional five days.
- Masks cannot be removed while at school including during activities.
- The person must be separated from others while eating their meals due to the need to remove their mask
- The person can choose to take rapid Covid-19 antigen tests at school in an attempt to reduce the number of days a mask is required. If they have two negative tests taken 48 hours apart, they can discontinue wearing a mask.

If masks cannot be worn, the positive case must remain at home for 10 full days (symptom onset/positive test date is day 0).

Contacts, including household contacts, who are not experiencing symptoms should monitor for symptoms while at home and may attend school/work if symptoms do not develop.

If at any time during the 10 days following the exposure symptoms develop, they must remain at home. It is recommended they follow-up with a health care provider. You may contact your child's school nurse to schedule a diagnostic testing appointment. Those who test positive must remain at home and follow the positive case protocols. Those who continue to experience symptoms may need additional testing or clearance to return to school from a health care provider.

If your child is not experiencing symptoms but you believe has been recently exposed to a case, you may contact the school nurse to determine if resources for testing are available.