

COVID-19 SCHOOL EXCLUSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Per recommendations and guidelines from the Montgomery County Department of Public Health

Exclusion From and Return to School Procedures

COVID-19 Symptoms By Student / Faculty / Staff

• Two of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, fatigue, myalgia, headache, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea OR

• One of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell

Individual should be tested for COVID-19.

• If test result is negative OR doctor's note with differential diagnosis, return to school after 24 hours afebrile **and** improved respiratory symptoms

• If test result is positive or individual is unable/refuses to get tested, may return to school after:

- ☐ 24 hours with no fever and
- ☐ Improvement in symptoms and
- ☐ 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- ☐ 24 hours afebrile without fever-reducing medication
- ☐ Clearance from medical doctor

Positive COVID-19 PCR Test

WITH SYMPTOMS

May return to school after:

- 24 hours with no fever **and**
- improvement in symptoms **and 10 days since** symptoms first appeared
- 24 hours afebrile without fever-reducing medication
- Receipt of documented clearance from physician

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

May return to school after:

- 10 days after PCR test was collected
- Receipt of documented clearance from physician
- Continue to teach/work remotely. (No sick time will be deducted.)

Close Contact to Positive

• Within 6ft of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset.

• Household Contact

WITH SYMPTOMS

Individual should be tested for COVID-19.

- If test result is negative, return to school 14 days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19 and symptoms have resolved
- If test result is positive, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR with symptoms
- To return to school, clearance from a physician must be provided.

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

Excluded 14 days after last date of exposure to the person with COVID-19

- Household contacts are in quarantine until 14 days after household positive is released from isolation
- Receipt of documented clearance from physician
- Continue to teach/work remotely. (No sick time will be deducted.)
- ~ If symptoms develop during the 14 days, follow Return to School guidance for Close Contact with symptoms

Close Contact to Suspected Positive

• Within 6ft for 15 minutes or more

• Household Contact

WITH SYMPTOMS

Individual should be tested for COVID-19.

- If test result is negative, return to school 14 days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19 and symptoms have resolved
- Receipt of documented clearance from physician
- If test result is positive, follow return to school guidance for positive PCR with symptoms

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

Excluded 14 days after last date of exposure to the person with COVID-19

- Household contacts are in quarantine until 14 days after household positive is released from isolation
- Continue to teach/work remotely. (No sick time will be deducted.)
- Receipt of documented clearance from physician
- ~ If symptoms develop during the 14 days, follow return to school guidance for Close Contact with symptoms

**Travel to States with High COVID-19 RATES

• Critical workers are encouraged to wear both a face shield and mask and social distance, if unable to quarantine

WITH SYMPTOMS

If symptoms develop during the recommended 14 day quarantine upon return to PA, follow return to school guidance for COVID-19 symptoms

WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

- Self-quarantine for 14 days from when they return to PA
- Teach/work remotely. (No sick time will be deducted.)

Process for Absence

FACULTY

1. Contact Anne Casavecchia regarding absence and sub requests. Stay home. No remote teaching.*
2. Anne will notify our nurse, Missy Primus, of teacher absence.
3. Missy will contact faculty/staff member with one of the following next steps depending on reason for absence:
 - a. Can return to school next day, or
 - b. Consult physician re: return to school or need for COVID-19 test.
4. Missy will update Mary, Anne, Eileen, and Kate St. Clair with status of teacher.
5. If teacher needs to be out of school for more than one day, Anne will notify teacher re: teaching remotely.

Note: Teacher will update Missy with status of doctor consultation and/or testing as soon as possible.

STAFF

1. Contact supervisor regarding absence. Stay home. No working remotely.*
2. Supervisor will notify nurse Missy Primus.
3. Missy will contact faculty/staff member with reason for absence:
 - a. Can return to school next day, or
 - b. Consult physician re: return to school or need for COVID-19 test
4. Missy will update Denise and supervisor with the status of the staff member.
5. If staffer needs to be out of school for more than one day, supervisor will notify staffer re: working from home.

Note: Staffer will update Missy with status of doctor consultation and/or testing as soon as possible.

*The use of a sick day for COVID-related absence will be determined subsequently.