

FAQs: COVID Response

General Notes:

Please keep your child home if they present any COVID related symptoms. If they have symptoms, do not medicate your child and then send them to school. **(See Screening Tool linked below)**

Students or parents/guardians with health or exposure concerns should contact their family physician and the school nurse office.

1. What is the process if a student is showing symptoms?

1. A student showing symptoms at school will report to the school nurse where the nurse will screen for COVID 19 related symptoms. Pre-existing conditions (allergies, migraines, chronic GI issues, etc.) will be taken into consideration during the screening process.
2. If necessary, the student will be guided to an isolation area and parents/guardians will be called to pick up the student and seek medical attention (this is why updated contact information is so important). The nurse will discuss with the parent/ guardian what is needed in order for the child to return to school. This can also be found on our [Return to School Guidelines](#).
3. The family of the symptomatic child should follow procedures on how to reduce potential spread of infection in the home including: washing hands frequently, wiping down commonly touched surfaces, keep the symptomatic child separate from the rest of the family (separate bathroom if possible) and wearing a mask within 6 feet any time the symptomatic child is interacting with other family members. For more information on managing symptoms at home please refer to the following CDC guidelines:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/10Things.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1QuSJgBzDwTeoolJ_7BsE1MB_Nd2CBBJdJ-2Kh9vE3gt3jVn_DPU7i2IM
4. At this point in the notification process (no positive case confirmed through a COVID test), the child's medical condition is private to the family and will not be made public by the district.

2. What is the process for the student after receiving a negative COVID test?

1. If the student has no known exposure to COVID, the student may return to school 24 hours after there is no longer a fever, symptoms are improving and the student has been cleared by a primary care doctor or other health care provider.
2. Clearance to return must be provided to the building nurse and principal BEFORE the student returns to school or permitted on the bus.

3. What are the steps in the notification process if a student or staff member tests COVID positive?

1. Receive confirmation of a positive case from the Bucks County Department of Health.
2. Support the Bucks County Department of Health with contact tracing (this is why assigned seats in classrooms, cafeterias and on the bus is so important).

3. Notify those directly who need to quarantine due to exposure due to close contact with COVID positive person. Close contact means less than 6' for more than 15 minutes.
4. Send out schoolwide notification that a positive case was confirmed in the building with a reminder that if they were not contacted directly it is because their child was not exposed.

4. What is the process for the student that tested COVID positive?

1. The student can return to school only when they have been released by the Bucks County Department of Health and issued an Isolation Release Letter. The criteria for release from isolation include:
 - a. 10 day minimum have passed since symptoms first appeared **and**
 - b. Fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication **and**
 - c. Improving symptoms
2. Clearance to return must be provided to the building nurse and principal BEFORE the student returns to school or permitted on the bus

5. What is the difference between isolation, quarantine and modified quarantine?

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http://www.buckscounty.org/images/default-source/COVID-19/isolationletters.png?sfvrsn=75808ef_0