

# SCHOOL DISTRICT 54 STAFF AND STUDENT EXCLUSION CHART

COVID-19 Diagnostic Test Positive (Confirmed Case)

COVID-Like Symptoms without Testing and Exposed to a Confirmed Case (Probable Case)

<b>Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff or student tests positive for COVID-19</li> <li>• Staff or student is a probable case*</li> <li>• Staff or student has a clinical diagnosis of COVID-19 from a healthcare provider</li> </ul>
<b>Return to school guidance if asymptomatic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days after first positive COVID-19 test date</li> <li>• If symptoms develop during those 10 days, follow the criteria below for symptomatic exclusion.</li> </ul>
<b>Return to school guidance if symptomatic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days since the onset of symptoms</li> <li>• Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications</li> <li>• Symptoms have improved</li> </ul>
<b>Quarantine for close contacts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 days from last contact with COVID-19 positive person</li> <li>• If unable to avoid close contact** from COVID-19 positive person, then the 14-day quarantine starts on day 10 of the positive individual's quarantine (when no longer considered contagious).</li> <li>• Household contacts cannot test out of quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation required to return to school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Release from Isolation Letter from local health department provided to principal or nurse</li> <li>• If unable to obtain letter from the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), the staff or student may return to school provided they have been excluded for the minimum required quarantine period and they are symptom free.</li> </ul>

\* A Probable Case is an individual with COVID-like symptoms without a test who was exposed to a confirmed case.

\*\* Close Contact with a case is defined as living in the same house as a case, being an intimate partner of a case, being a caregiver of a case, or being within 6 feet of a case for longer than 15 cumulative minutes with or without a mask. If the source case was symptomatic (e.g. coughing, sneezing), individuals with a briefer period of exposure may also be considered contacts and be required to quarantine. [www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/home-quarantine-guidance](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/home-quarantine-guidance).

## Staff or Student Exhibits One or More Symptoms of COVID-19

<b>Status</b>	Staff or student exhibits one (or more) symptoms of COVID-19 <i>Symptoms are identified as fever (100.4 or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain from an unknown cause, new congestion/runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches. Because these are symptoms of many other conditions, consider whether the symptoms are new or part of an existing condition.</i>
<b>Determination of symptoms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review health conditions for student, and confer with parent.</li> <li>• Check for alternative diagnosis.</li> </ul>
<b>Return to school guidance without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days since the onset of symptoms</li> <li>• If symptoms occurred in the school setting, consider the date the symptoms observed as onset.</li> <li>• Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications</li> <li>• Symptoms have improved</li> <li>• If symptoms persist after the initial 10-day exclusion period, consult the CCDPH prior to return. Return to school will not likely be recommended if symptoms persist in absence of a negative test.</li> </ul>
<b>Quarantine for close contacts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 days from last contact with COVID-19 symptomatic person</li> <li>• If unable to avoid close contact with COVID-19 symptomatic person, quarantine would start on the 10th day after the development of symptoms, when no longer considered contagious. The quarantine for close contacts would continue for 14 days from that date.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation required to return to school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A note from the parent/guardian documenting that the student and all the household contacts are fever free and symptoms have improved</li> </ul>
<b>Return to school guidance if staff or student tested negative for COVID-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative RT-PCR COVID 19 test*</li> <li>• Negative rapid molecular (rapid PCR) or negative antigen test in not acceptable during high community transmission.</li> <li>• Test is not valid if done 48 hours prior to symptoms.</li> <li>• Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications</li> <li>• Symptoms have improved</li> <li>• If staff or student presents alternative diagnosis, see below.</li> <li>• Close contacts can return when required documentation is obtained.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation required to return to school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negative RT-PCR COVID-19 test or healthcare provider note indicating negative COVID-19 test and providing clearance to return</li> <li>• Documentation provided to the principal or school nurse</li> </ul>

*\*RT-PCR molecular test is the gold standard for clinical detection of SARS-CoV-2 infection. Rapid Point of Care (POC) molecular and antigen tests have a higher probability of missing an active infection. Recommendation is a symptomatic individual who has a negative POC molecular or antigen test confirm results with a new specimen RT-PCR collected within 48 hours of the previous test.*

### Staff or Student Exhibits One or More Symptoms with an Alternative Diagnosis

<b>Status</b>	Staff or student exhibits one or more symptoms of COVID-19
<b>Return to school guidance without negative COVID-19 test and alternative diagnosis</b>	Staff or student excluded from school until <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications</li> <li>• Symptoms have improved/resolved.</li> <li>• Documentation from a healthcare provider indicating an alternative diagnosis</li> </ul>
<b>Quarantine for close contacts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excluded until documentation provided</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation required to return to school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of the District 54 Alternative Diagnosis Form for student</li> <li>• Document includes there is no clinical suspicion for COVID-19 and indicates an alternative diagnosis</li> <li>• Exclusion is consistent with the diagnosis</li> <li>• Each episode of a new symptom needs to be evaluated. An individual could have COVID-19 and other health conditions at the same time</li> </ul>

### Staff or Student Had Close Contact with Someone Who Is COVID-19 Positive

<b>Status</b>	Staff or student had close contact with an individual that tested positive for COVID-19. Close contact begins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the source was symptomatic, close contact is 2 days before the onset of the source symptoms.</li> <li>• If the source was asymptomatic, close contact begins 2 days before the day of the source positive test.</li> </ul>
<b>Return to school guidance for asymptomatic individual</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay home for 14 calendar days from last day of exposure</li> <li>• If staff or student with close contact develops COVID-19, refer to the section above - "Exhibits one or more symptoms of COVID-19."</li> <li>• If unable to avoid close contact* from COVID-19 positive person, quarantine would start on the 10th day after the source development of symptoms or test if asymptomatic, when no longer considered contagious. Close contacts quarantine would continue for 14 days from that date.</li> </ul>
<b>Quarantine for close contacts to the close contact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A close contact to a close contact does not need to quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation required to return to school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff or students who remain asymptomatic throughout the 14-day quarantine do not need a release from quarantine letter from the local health department.</li> <li>• Staff and students cannot obtain a negative COVID-19 test to return before the 14-day quarantine.</li> </ul>

### Staff or Student Had Close Contact with Someone with COVID-19 Symptoms

<b>Status</b>	Staff or student has close contact* with someone who has a COVID-19 symptom
<b>Return to school guidance for asymptomatic staff or student</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay home for 14 calendar days from last day of exposure</li> <li>• If staff or student with close contact develops COVID-19 refer to the section above regarding confirmed or probable cases.</li> <li>• Staff or student may return prior to 14 days if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The symptomatic source tests negative</li> <li>○ Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications</li> <li>○ Symptoms have improved/resolved</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Staff or student cannot test out of quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>Quarantine for close contacts to the close contact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A close contact to a close contact does not need to quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation required to return to school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals who remain asymptomatic throughout the 14-day quarantine do not need a physician note to return to school.</li> </ul>

### Confirmed or Probable Case Identified on the Bus or in the Classroom

Status	Staff or student has close contact with a confirmed or probable case in the classroom or on the bus.
<b>Exposure in the classroom</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any individuals that the confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 came within 6 feet of with or without face coverings for at least 15 minutes throughout the day.</li> </ul>
<b>Exposure on the bus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any individual who sat within 6 feet of the confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer</li> </ul>
<b>Return to school guidance for asymptomatic individual</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay home for 14 calendar days from the last day of exposure.</li> <li>If staff or student with close contact develops COVID-19 see above.</li> <li>Staff or student cannot test out of quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>Quarantine for close contacts to the close contact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A close contact to a close contact does not need to quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation required to return to school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who remain asymptomatic throughout the 14-day quarantine do not need a physician note to return to school.</li> </ul>

### Staff or Student Returned from a Country Outside of the United States

Status	Staff or Student returned from outside of the United States
<b>List of Countries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For a list of current countries check <a href="http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices">wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Return to school guidance for asymptomatic individual</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay home for 14 calendar days from date of return.</li> <li>If staff or student develops COVID-19 or symptoms see above.</li> <li>Staff or student cannot test out of quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>Quarantine for close contacts to the close contact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A close contact to the returning staff or student does not need to quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation required to return to school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who remain asymptomatic throughout the 14-day quarantine do not need a physician note to return to school.</li> </ul>

### Staff or Student Returned from another State with a High Incidence of COVID-19

Status	Staff or Student returned from another state
<b>List of States</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For a list of current states, visit <a href="http://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance">cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance</a>.</li> <li>The site updates every Tuesday and becomes effective on Friday.</li> </ul>
<b>Return to school guidance for asymptomatic individual</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay home for 14 calendar days from date of return.</li> <li>If staff or student develops COVID-19 or symptoms see above.</li> <li>Staff or student cannot test out of quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>Quarantine for close contacts to the close contact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A close contact to the returning staff or student does not need to quarantine.</li> </ul>
<b>Documentation required to return to school</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who remain asymptomatic throughout the 14-day quarantine do not need a physician note to return to school.</li> </ul>