

FAQ - COVID Information as it relates to PRSD

What should I do if my student isn't feeling well?

Please review the document that includes the symptom card that we are following. If you determine your student has one symptom in group A and/or two symptoms in group B, keep your student home and contact your school nurse via phone or email. The document also outlines how a student can return to school if they fall into one of these categories.

[Student illness guidelines](#)

How do I know if my child is a close contact?

Outside the school setting: If someone you were with for 15 minutes or more, within 6 feet of you, tests positive for COVID-19, then you are considered a close contact. Contact tracing goes back two days prior to the positive person becoming symptomatic or testing positive because this is a part of their contagious period. Masking and outdoors do not factor into the definition.

In the school setting: If you are identified as a close contact to someone who tested positive at school, the school nurse or principal will contact you. Guidelines for schools allow for 3 feet distance between students if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well fitting masks the entire time.

How do I report my child is positive for COVID or had an exposure?

[Positive Case - click here](#)

[Exposure - click here](#)

How do you count days when calculating isolation (if positive) or quarantine (if close contact)?

If positive (regardless of vaccination status), a 5 day isolation period starts from either your symptom onset or if you don't have symptoms, your positive test date. Day 0 is the day your symptoms started or your test date (if asymptomatic). You can return to school on day 6 if you have no symptoms or improved symptoms, including being fever free for 24 hours. Masking is required on day 6 through day 10.

*If you are considered a close contact to a positive person and **vaccinated***, you are not required to quarantine, but required to mask for 10 days, test on day 5 if possible and if you develop symptoms, stay home and get tested.*

** **vaccinated** - you are considered fully vaccinated if two weeks have passed since your second dose of the vaccine and no longer than six months have passed since your second dose.*

If you are considered a close contact to a positive person and unvaccinated (or fall outside the criteria above for fully vaccinated status), a 5 day quarantine period is required followed by 5 days of masking. Day 0 is the day of your last exposure to the positive person. You can return to school on Day 6 if you have no symptoms and mask day 6 through day 10.

****All students returning under the reduced time frame with masking requirements, need to complete the attestation form before returning to school.**

[Attestation Form - click here](#)

Are rapid Antigen covid tests acceptable?

Yes, the district accepts those results.

Are at home tests acceptable?

Yes, if they are on the FDA approved list:

[FDA Approved Testing](#)

We ask that you write your student's name and test date on the actual test and email a picture of the results to your school nurse.

If I have a student that is sick and/or tested for COVID-19 (but not yet identified as positive), do I need to keep their siblings home?

No, siblings can come to school unless they themselves are not feeling well or are being tested.

What should I do with test result documentation or doctor's clearance notes?

Please email them to the school nurse in your student's building prior to their return to school. This allows the nurse to review the documents and inform your student's teacher of their return.

If I have tested positive in the last 90 days, do I need to quarantine if I was exposed to someone with COVID-19?

No, after a positive case of COVID-19, you are thought to be immune for 90 days and should follow the same criteria listed above for vaccinated students.

If my child has a positive antibody test, are they exempt from quarantine if they are beyond the 90 day immunity period?

Per the ACHD and PA DOH, antibody testing is not accepted to eliminate quarantine in the unvaccinated, close contact scenario.

[PA DOH - Resource regarding Antibodies](#)

Are there guidelines or protocols in place that we need to follow after traveling?

There are no guidelines if you are staying within the United States. If you are traveling outside of the country, then you must follow the protocols/testing to re-enter the country. Documentation does not need to be given to the school.