

ILLNESS AND COVID-19 POLICIES

Children with new symptoms, such as cough, fever or chills, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, congestion or runny nose, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, loss of taste or smell, should **stay home, test for COVID-19, and notify the school.**

ILLNESSES

- If your child is not acting like usual, please keep them home regardless.
- Please notify us if your child develops any symptoms outside of school. Please do not send your child to school if they have to take medicine for a fever or aches in the last 48-72 hours.
- Children exhibiting ANY of the pre-screening symptoms during the school day will be sent home immediately.
- While waiting to be picked up, they will wait with a member of administration.
- Children who develop symptoms will be required to stay home until the symptoms have resolved. Please do stay home if significant cold symptoms persist to lessen the transmission to others.
- Please review [Keep Me Home If](#)

COVID-19

Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to combat COVID-19 and keep our community healthy. Please get vaccinated, including boosters, if medically possible.

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

- If your **child** tests positive for COVID-19, please keep them home and isolate for a full 10 days, and/or follow the test-based strategy listed below before returning:
 - *If individuals have access to antigen tests, they can further decrease their risk of infecting others by taking a test when they plan to leave isolation, no sooner than day 6. They should only test if they are fever-free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved. Loss of taste or smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and should not delay the end of isolation.
 - *When testing to potentially end isolation,
 - If the test is **positive**, the individual may still be infectious. They should continue to isolate and wear a well-fitting and high-quality mask and wait 24-48 hours to test again.
 - If the test is **negative** on two sequential tests each performed 24-48 hours apart, they can end isolation and return to school if symptoms have resolved.

Close Contact Exposure

- **All children** who have had close contact with positive COVID-19 case **and are experiencing symptoms** will be asked to stay home and test 3-5 days after exposure. If no symptoms are present, they can continue to come to school and test 3-5 days after exposure.