



COVID Absence Protocol

Send home or deny entry (and provide remote instruction) if ANY of the following symptoms are present: Fever (100.4°F or higher), headache, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain.

In addition, some individuals (especially adults) may present with the following symptoms: congestion or runny nose, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue, muscle or body aches.

Medical Evaluation and Testing are **Strongly Recommended** for ALL Persons with COVID-Like Symptoms.

Attendance Personnel may ask the following questions:

1. What are your child's symptoms?
2. Does your child have any allergies or pre-existing conditions that could be explained by these symptoms?
3. Has your child been in close contact with someone who might have been exposed or was exposed?

When we have to communicate to a family that their student may have to quarantine, please let them know they have three options:

1. You can quarantine for the allotted time, according to the guidance (10 or 14 days depending on the situation)
2. You can seek an alternative diagnosis from a health care provider (ex-allergies, flu, migraines)
3. You can seek a COVID test, if there are symptoms.

Remote Learning Steps

Since we do not have support staff to assist in remote instruction while in-person instruction is continuing to take place, we ask that you pick up your homework as done traditionally in the past during your first few days of absence. If your child will be gone for an extended period of time or receives a positive COVID test resulting in a quarantine, we will then contact you to explain how synchronous remote instruction will take place. Remote instruction will be designed individually for each family in concert with the child's teacher, principal and parent. Close consideration will be given to the child's wellness and developmentally appropriate responsibilities. Students *may* "GoogleMEET" virtually for core instruction and complete other tasks asynchronously (i.e. traditional homework/independently). *Ask if they will need a device loaned to them.*

Other scenarios:

- A student or staff member CAN return to school with a negative COVID results if they were quarantined due to having symptoms, as long as the student has not had a fever in the last 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing

medication. They do not have to wait the full 10 days from the onset of their symptoms if the COVID test is negative. An exception to this would be if they also had close contact to a positive case.

- If a student or staff member is quarantined because their sibling has symptoms, and the sibling's COVID test comes back negative, or the 10-day quarantine from the start of symptoms is completed, the siblings do not need any further medical documentation, with the exception of the negative test result. If the sibling with symptoms tested positive, they would quarantine 14 days after the sibling completed their 10 days.
- If a student or staff member is quarantined due to an exposure, the rest of their family does NOT have to quarantine unless symptoms develop or positive test results.
- If a student or staff member is quarantined due to being deemed a close contact exposure to a positive individual, at school, they are required to quarantine for 14 days since their last close contact. We do not need doctor's documentation for them to return at the end of their 14 days, as long as they did not develop symptoms.
- CGH will add a date the quarantine will end to the note below, as long as they do not develop further symptoms and have been fever free for at least 24 hours. This will count as their "end of quarantine" notification. (see image below). WCDH will provide a separate "return from quarantine" letter.

RETURN TO SCHOOL/PHYSICAL EDUCATION FORM

Name: [REDACTED]

Date: 08/26/2020

TS: Patient is to remain off school until COVID-19 test results returned and they are negative, symptoms have
no fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer, or at least 10 days has passed since the onset of symptoms per
lines.

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Date

Time