

St. Joseph School COVID-19 Updates

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How Are Decisions Made

- Per Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD) all schools are mandated to use the IDPH chart provided on the next slide to make decisions
- Tazewell County Health will advise the school on steps that need to be followed as cases occur
- The Diocese of Peoria will advise the school on steps that need to be followed as cases occur



COVID-19 INTERIM EXCLUSION GUIDANCE¹

Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Pre-K, K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs



Send home or deny entry (and provide remote instruction) if ANY of the following symptoms² are present: Fever (100.4°F or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain from unknown cause, new congestion/runny nose, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches.

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

Status	A. COVID-19 diagnostic test Positive (confirmed case) OR COVID-like symptoms without COVID-19 testing and exposed to confirmed case (probable case)	B. Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test <i>(Negative COVID-19 diagnostic tests must be from a specimen collected up to 48 hours prior to symptom onset or after and is valid for only the date the specimen was collected.)</i>	C. Symptomatic individual with an alternative diagnosis without negative COVID-19 diagnostic test	D. Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation <i>Individuals may move to Columns A, B, or C based on results of diagnostic testing and/or clinical evaluation.</i>	E. Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact ⁶ to a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case
Evaluated by Healthcare Provider	YES / NO	YES / NO	YES	NO	NA
Return to School Guidance	<u>Stay home</u> at least ten ³ calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms.	<u>Stay home</u> until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition ⁴ . Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools .	<u>Stay home</u> until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition ⁴ . Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools .	<u>Stay home</u> at least ten ³ calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms.	Stay home for 14 calendar days after last exposure to the COVID-19 case. <i>If COVID-19 illness develops, use the ten-day isolation period⁵ guidance for a COVID-19 case from the onset date. Testing is recommended.</i>
Quarantine for Close Contacts?	YES	NO	NO	Household Member (e.g., Siblings, Parent) ⁶	NA
Documentation Required to Return to School	Release from Isolation letter (if received from their LHD) provided by the parent/guardian or staff person, notification via phone, secure email or fax from the LHD to the school, OR other process implemented by your LHD	Negative COVID-19 test result OR healthcare provider's note indicating the negative test result	Healthcare provider's note with alternative diagnosis	After the ten-day exclusion, a note from parent/guardian documenting that the ill student and/or household contacts are afebrile without fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved	Release from Quarantine letter (if received from their LHD) provided by the parent/guardian or staff member, LHD notification via phone, secure email or fax to the school OR other process implemented by your LHD

¹ Based on available data and science, schools must make local decisions informed by local context in consultation with their local public health department. This chart should be used in conjunction with the [Public Health Interim Guidance for Pre-K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs](#) for Addressing COVID-19.

² New onset of a symptom not attributed to allergies or a pre-existing condition.

³ Severely immunocompromised or severely ill: may need to isolate for 20 days as per guidance from the individual's infectious disease physician.

⁴ If the individual has been identified by public health for quarantine or knows they are a close contact to a case, the 14-calendar-day quarantine must be completed.

⁵ Consider quarantine for other close contacts if there was poor adherence to social distancing or use of face coverings.

⁶ Contacts to close contacts of a case do not need to be excluded unless the close contact becomes a confirmed or probable case.



What Are The Symptoms?

Symptoms for COVID include: fever of 100.4 degrees, loss of taste/smell, fatigue/achy muscles, sinus/nasal, sore throat, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, cough, shortness of breath.



What If My Student Has A Symptom?

- Anyone who is symptomatic for COVID (with or without) known exposure will be sent home immediately. Any sibling of the student with a symptom will be sent home at that time as well.
- It is recommended that student's parents contact their pediatrician or doctor to discuss the symptoms and arrange for an evaluation.
- If the pediatrician advises that your student be tested, please visit the ICPR at 3400 Griffin St in Pekin to make an appointment for testing call - 309-347-4277.
- If your students test results come back Negative for COVID-19 please send documentation of the Negative result to Mrs. Sarff at msarff@stjosephschoolpekin.com. This can be paper documentation from the testing site, a screen shot of a text message from the testing site, or a forwarded email from the testing site. If the student with symptoms is Negative the siblings may return without a Negative test result.



What If My Student Has A Symptom and is Not Tested?

- If the pediatrician or doctor feels that an alternate diagnosis is confirmed or likely, the student can return with a physician/APN/PA **note** AND cessation of symptoms for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication (Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen).
- If the student **does not** seek medical evaluation, **does not** receive COVID testing, or no alternate diagnosis is discovered, they should be considered a presumptive COVID positive case and shall remain out of school for 10 days from the on-set of symptoms PLUS at least 72 hours from resolution of fever reducing medication (Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen).



What Is Direct Contact?

Within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more during the day



If a student has direct contact with someone who test COVID-19 Positive

- Report to Mrs. Sarff
- Quarantine for 14 days from exposure to the person who tested positive (all family members)
- Quarantine will remain in affect regardless of test results
- Contact your health care professional about testing
- If you choose to get your student tested make sure to wait at least 5 days after exposure to get tested.
- A letter will be sent from Mrs. Sarff to all parents in the students class regarding exposure
- To return to school Mrs. Sarff is required to have documentation from Tazewell County Health stating your student can return



If a student is found COVID-19 Positive

- Report to Mrs. Sarff
- Quarantine for 14 days per the TCHD
- Contact your health care professional
- To return to school a letter will be provided from TCHD
- A letter will be sent to Parents whose student were in close contact with the student who tested positive
- Contact tracing will be sent from the school to TCHD they will make notifications to families



What will I be told?

- If a student has been exposed : date of latest possible exposure : letter and email
- If you must quarantine your student for 14 days
- If someone in direct contact with you has received a COVID-19 Positive Result : letter and email
- When your student can begin Remote Learning and who will contact you
- What you will need to return to school after quarantine date



What I Won't Be Told

- Students name
- If someone who had exposure has taken a test that resulted in a Negative
- How the student came in contact with the person who tested Positive



Helpful Information

- <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19>
- <https://www.tazewellhealth.org/>
- For information regarding Travel - Please call Tazewell County Health at 925-5511
- Email Mrs. Sarff : msarff@stjosephschoolpekin.com

