

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 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 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.

Status	COVID-19 diagnostic test Positive (confirmed case) OR COVID-19 diagnosis without diagnostic testing (probable case)	Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test ² <i>(Negative COVID-19 diagnostic test must be from a specimen collected 48 hours prior to or after symptom onset.)</i>	Symptomatic individual with an alternative diagnosis without negative COVID-19 diagnostic test ²	Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation	Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact to a confirmed OR probable COVID-19 case
Evaluated by Healthcare Provider?	YES	YES / NO	YES	NO	NA
Return to School Guidance	<u>Stay home</u> at least ten ² 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. 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. 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 10 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. If COVID-19 illness develops, use the ten-day isolation period ¹ guidance for a COVID-19 case from the onset date. Testing is recommended.
Quarantine for Close Contacts?	YES	NO	NO	Household Member (e.g., Siblings, Parent) ⁴	NA
Documentation Required to Return to School	'Release from Isolation' letter issued by Local Health Department and provided to parent/guardian or individual	Negative COVID-19 test result OR healthcare Provider's note indicating the negative test result	Healthcare Provider's note with alternative diagnosis	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 issued by Local Health Department and provided to parent/guardian or individual

¹ Based on available data and science, schools must make local decisions informed by local context in consultation with their local public health department.

² Severely immunocompromised or severely ill: may need to isolate for 20 days as per guidance from individual's infectious disease physician.

³ If 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.

⁴ Consider quarantine for other close contacts if there was poor adherence to social distancing or use of face coverings.



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.
- It is recommended that student's parents contact their pediatrician or doctor to discuss the symptoms and arrange for an evaluation.
- 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).



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
- 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



What Is Direct Contact?

Within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more during the day



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/>
- Email Mrs. Sarff : msarff@stjosephschoolpekin.com

