

## ACDS Frequently Asked Questions With Regard to Covid-19 and Illness

### **Q: When should I keep my child home?**

**A:** Please keep your child home with *ANY one or more of the following*: Fever (100.4 or higher), *new* onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, *new* cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, *new* loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches. Please also keep your child home with pink eye, lice or other contagious rashes. Notify the school when your child has 1 or more symptoms.

### **Q: When will my child be sent home from school?**

**A:** Your child will be sent home for ANY one of the following: Fever (100.4 or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches of unknown cause, unidentified rash and lice. New onset congestion, runny nose or abdominal pain may also be an illness symptom and subject to exclusion based on further assessment/investigation by school staff.

### **Q: Does my child need to quarantine/isolate if they already had COVID-19 disease?**

**A:** Persons who have had lab-confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days, according to CDC guidelines, are not required to quarantine or isolate if identified as a close contact to a confirmed case. However, the new CDC guidance recommends that fully vaccinated persons test three to five days after the known exposure and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 5 days after exposure or until a negative test result. In order to return to ACDS, students will need to PCR test to return as a precaution. Masks are recommended.

### **Q: Does my child need to quarantine/isolate if they are fully vaccinated (2 weeks past the second vaccine dose)?**

**A:** Persons who have medically documented vaccination status do not need to quarantine or isolate after confirmed exposure. They will, however, need to PCR test to return.

### **Q: If my child is ill and it's not COVID-19, what does the school need so that my child can return to school?**

**A: Option 1:** A healthcare provider's specific note. The note must indicate the following:

- A negative COVID-19 test and,
- indicate an alternate diagnosis with,
- an exclusion period (when your child can return to school) consistent with that alternate diagnosis.

**Option 2:** Without a health care provider's evaluation, a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test and the non-COVID 19 illness symptoms to be resolved or improving for at least 24 hours.

### **Q: My child has been identified as a close contact, what does that mean?**

**A:** Per [IDPH](#): For all individuals where exposure occurred *outside of the classroom setting and for teachers, staff and adults in the indoor classroom setting*, CDC defines a close contact as an individual not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. For students in the indoor classroom setting, contacts who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student do not require quarantine **as long as both the case and the contact were consistently masked**. If they were not consistently masked, then close contacts are classroom students who were within 6 feet of the infected student for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

**Q: What is isolation and how do I implement isolation in my home?**

**A:** Through isolation, a sick person prevents the spread of infection from themselves to others who are not infected. Required for someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. This person must attempt to separate themselves from others completely for a minimum of 5 days, with the first day symptoms OR the day of the positive test if there are no symptoms being considered day zero. People in isolation should try to use their own bedroom and bathroom if possible, avoid shared living spaces, stay 6 feet apart from others in the household at all times, and wear masks anytime they are around others in their home.

**Q: How will I know if there is a case of COVID-19 in my child's school?**

**A:** Director sends out communication to all families and staff informing them of positive case(s).

- The identity of all people involved remains confidential.