

Scenario 1:

A student has COVID-19 symptoms OR a student is presumed or confirmed positive for COVID-19

MEANING: A student experiences any of the following

- A fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the last 24 hours,
- Chills or repeated shaking with chills,
- New or worsening cough or shortening of breath/difficulty breathing,
- Is fatigued
- Muscle or body aches
- A headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

PROTOCOL:

The student **MUST**

- Stay away from District property
- If on District Property, the student will be placed in isolation until they are able to leave
- Immediately notify parent/guardian
- Remain home until cleared to return to school

RETURN TO SCHOOL:

Before re-entry to school property, student must meet ALL of the following conditions

- At least 24 hours has to have passed since recovery(resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications)
- Improvement in symptoms(e.g., cough, shortness of breath); AND
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

In the case of a student who has a positive test result, but has no symptoms, the student is required to be out at least 10 days from the positive test result.

If a student has symptoms and is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the student is presumed to have COVID-19 and may not return to district property until the student has completed the same criteria set above.

If a student has symptoms that could be COVID-19, but they did not test positive and want to return to school before completing the above stay-at-home period, they must either:

- Obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on alternative diagnosis; OR
- Obtain an acute infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19.

Scenario 2:

A student has been in close contact with a lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive

MEANING: TEA refers to “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 as

- Being directly exposed to infectious secretions(e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a face mask or face shield); OR
- Being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while wearing or not wearing a face mask or face shield

If either occurred at any time in the last 14 days at the same time, the infected individual was infectious

Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab confirmed with COVID-19, two days prior to the confirming lab test.

PRTOCOL:

The student **MUST**

- Confirm close contact with lab-confirmed COVID-19 positive with District Superintendent or Designee.
- Stay away from District property
- If on District property, the student will be placed in isolation until they are able to leave
- Immediately notify parent/guardian
- Remain home until cleared to return to school

RETURN TO SCHOOL:

If a student develops symptoms at any time during their quarantine, whether or not the student test positive, negative, or does not test at all, the student’s situation should be analyzed under the Scenario 1 outlined above.

In the case of a student who does not test and does not develop symptoms, the student must quarantine for fourteen (14) days from any close contact.

If a student was tested due to close contact with another individual who has tested positive and the student has a negative result and no symptoms, the student must still quarantine 14 days from close contact, before returning to school.

NOTE: When a student is quarantined due to close contact the student cannot return earlier than 14 days from exposure due to the incubation period of COVID-19, regardless of doctor’s notes or test results.

If a student decides to get tested after close contact, it is recommended that the student wait at least five days from the date of exposure before being tested for COVID-19 (testing before this times has a high probability of a false negative test result).

Scenario 3:

Student interaction that does not qualify as close contact

MEANING: If a student has contact that does not meet the definition of close contact, outlined above, BUT

- Has contact with someone who is lab-confirmed positive
 - More than six feet apart; OR
 - For less than a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; OR
- Has contact with someone is presumed positive, but not lab confirmed

PROTOCOL:

The student will usually be allowed to continue working, however they **MUST**

- Continuously monitor for symptoms
- Consistently follow District COVID-19 protocols, including wearing a mask at all times and practicing social distancing

If the student begins experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, then the student's situation should be analyzed under the student with COVID-19 symptoms scenario outlined above in scenario 1.

RETURN TO SCHOOL:

N/A

NOTES:

- In the above, days means calendar days.
- For each event that triggers a quarantine, the student's situation should be re-evaluated under the particulars of the relevant scenario.