



Health and Safety Policies

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- The following exclusion guidance from IDPH/DCFS will be used when addressing a COVID-19 diagnosis or symptomatic individual:

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	Stay home 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 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 .	Stay home 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 .	Stay home 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.

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- Parents must notify the school immediately if a student or family member tests positive for COVID-19.
- If a child or staff tests positive for COVID-19, the school will notify staff and every enrolled family within 24 hours. The local health authorities will also be notified per DCFS guidelines.
- Daily health checks will be given prior to drop off and entrance into the school building. This will be done before the child is removed from the car. This includes:
 - a visual check for symptoms such as flushed cheeks or cough
 - a verbal confirmation that everyone in their household is healthy and symptom free
 - a touch-less temperature scan (any child/person with a temperature above 100.4 will not be allowed inside the school building)
 - If you are dropping your child off at school and you have a fever above 100.4, your child will not be allowed in school even if they do not have a fever

- Non-essential visitors (maintenance/repair workers) will be kept to a minimum and every effort will be made for them to enter the building after school hours. Anyone who has to enter during school hours has to undergo a health screening, and will be required to wear a mask.
- A child must be sent to school with a new disposable or freshly laundered mask every day and it must cover their nose and mouth. If their mask becomes soiled during the school day, a mask will be provided for them.
- Staff will wear a mask at all times. Additionally, they will wear disposable gloves while serving food, changing diapers or administering first aid.
- Per normal routine, the children (and teachers) will wash hands:
 - Upon classroom arrival
 - Before and after snacks/handling food
 - After diaper changes or toilet usage
 - After blowing/wiping nose
- Separate washroom facilities will be utilized for each classroom. Each washroom will undergo nightly deep cleaning by an outside service specializing in COVID-19 cleaning, spraying and disinfecting.
- The school will have the following PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) on hand for any staff or visitors that do not have them:
 - Clean cloth masks
 - Disposable masks
 - Face shields
 - Non-permeable gloves
 - Sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol (at entrances to the school and every classroom)
- All drop off and pick up will be in the car line, unless the child is walked to the school. A health screening, including temperature check, will be completed before the child is removed from the car. Walkers will be screened at the front door before entering. Unless previously arranged, parents may not come into the building for drop off or pick up.
 - Three separate car lines will be utilized to maximize separation at drop off and pick up.
- Teacher staffing will remain at two teachers per class, and those two teachers will remain constant during class. Mixing of staff or classes will not be permitted.
- To maintain health and safety throughout the day and school year:
 - Hand sanitizer will be carried at all times by the staff and used when hand washing is not possible.
 - All plush/permeable and hard to clean toys will be removed from the classrooms.
 - Every classroom will be cleaned and sanitized after each class. A non-toxic, child-safe, EPA-certified disinfectant will be used for all daily classroom cleanings.
 - Classrooms will be closed for at least one hour between the morning and afternoon sessions to clean.
 - Commonly touched classroom surfaces will be cleaned with disinfectant wipes at least every hour, or more, as needed.
 - Any toys that enter a child's mouth will be immediately removed for cleaning.
 - Shared spaces such as the outdoor playground and gym will only be used by one class at a time.
 - Playground and gym toys will be separated by classroom and will be disinfected each day or between AM and PM groups.

- Flex days

- The Board of Directors (BOD) has approved the addition of 10 flex days at the end of the school calendar that can be used as make-up days if extensive school closures are experienced during the year. Any flex days not used will be used to run summer camps.

School Closure Plan with Regards to eLearning and Make-Up Days

Cumulative School Days Closed	eLearning Policy/Flex Day Use
1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No eLearning provided● No make-up days required
6-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● eLearning provided● Flex days used as school days
16+	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● eLearning provided● Tuition refunds considered