



Washington Community High School District #308 COVID-19 QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS

This document includes the general COVID-19 quarantine protocols and is subject to change if new guidance is issued from the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Public Health, or the Center for Disease Control. Each individual's circumstances will be evaluated for how to apply the protocols shown below.

POSITIVE TEST, SYMPTOMATIC

- Isolate at home for 10 days from the date symptoms began, AND
- Fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours, AND
- Other symptoms have improved for 24 hours.

POSITIVE TEST, ASYMPTOMATIC

- Isolate at home for 10 days from the day the test was taken. If the individual does not develop symptoms, he/she may return 10 days after the positive test was taken.
- If the individual develops symptoms, then isolation time starts on day 1 of symptoms.

TESTED NEGATIVE, BUT SYMPTOMATIC

- Isolate at home until symptoms have improved/resolved, AND
- Fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.

UNTESTED, SYMPTOMATIC

- Isolate at home for 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared, AND
- Fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours, AND
- Other symptoms have improved/resolved for 24 hours.

SYMPTOMATIC, UNTESTED, WITH A CONFIRMED ALTERNATE MEDICAL EXPLANATION

(strep, influenza, or other non-COVID- related illness, as determined by a physician)

- May return to school after 24 hours resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medication, AND
- Healthcare provider must submit a letter stating the student or staff member has an alternate diagnosis and the provider believes it is appropriate for him/her to return to school.

HAVING CLOSE CONTACT TO SOMEONE WITH A CONFIRMED POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE

(Close contact means being within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes of someone who tested positive, regardless of whether or not a cloth face covering was worn.)

- Quarantine for 14 days before returning to school. Must remain symptom-free. If an individual develops symptoms during the quarantine:
 - Isolate at home for 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared, AND
 - Fever-free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours, AND
 - Other symptoms have improved for 24 hours.
- Those who you identified as a close contact should consult their healthcare provider for further guidance regarding testing options.