



## Health and Safety Frequently Asked Questions

### 1) How are we keeping staff, students, and visitors safe using personal protective equipment (PPE)?

All district staff, students, and visitors are required to wear face coverings except under the following circumstances:

- If a student's documented medical condition precludes the use of a face covering.
- Adults must always wear face coverings unless alone in a room/office.
- Face coverings may be removed during physical education classes, provided individuals are in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet apart.
- Cloth masks should be washed daily and disposable masks should be replaced daily.
- Mask to be worn covering both the nose and mouth.
- No masks with a vent can be worn in PPS buildings.
- Staff and students should bring a mask that fits well and is comfortable for them, but if a mask gets lost, dirty or forgotten a replacement will be provided for the day.
- Staff members working with students will be provided with face shields.

### 2). Will temperature taking be required prior to entering schools and buildings?

- Yes, Princeton Public Schools will be taking temperatures for every person entering every PPS building
- Anyone with a temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 will be sent home.

### 3) When should a student or staff member stay home from school?

PPS will require every student and staff to complete a daily screening tool prior to school arrival. The following is a sample of the questions that will be asked of each student and staff member daily. The symptom screener must be completed each school day. If a student or staff member cannot attend school due to positive symptoms, that student's parents/guardians or the staff member will have contact with the school nurse to review symptoms and discuss follow-up.

## Section 1: Symptoms

Any of the symptoms below could indicate a COVID-19 infection and may put you at risk for spreading illness to others. Please note that this list does not include all possible symptoms as a person with COVID-19 may experience any, all, or none of these symptoms. Please check yourself daily for these symptoms:

### Column A

<input type="checkbox"/>	Chills and Shivers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Muscle aches
<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore Throat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nausea or Vomiting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea – one episode
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fatigue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Congestion or runny nose

### Column B

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cough
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shortness of Breath
<input type="checkbox"/>	Difficulty Breathing
<input type="checkbox"/>	New loss of smell
<input type="checkbox"/>	New loss of taste
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fever
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea – more than one

**NO symptoms** are present – you can report to school/work

If **TWO OR MORE** of the fields in **Column A** are checked off OR **AT LEAST ONE** field in **column B** is checked off, please **stay home** and notify the school nurse for further instructions.

## Section 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

Please verify if:

<input type="checkbox"/>	You have had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 10 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	Someone in your household is diagnosed with COVID-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	You have traveled to an <a href="#">area of high community transmission</a> .

If **ANY** of the fields in **Section 2** are checked off, you should remain home for 14 days from the last date of exposure (if you are a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case) or date of return to New Jersey. Contact your health care provider or your local health department for further guidance.

#### 4) **What if a child or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19? How will this be communicated to the community?**

In consultation with Princeton Health Department, contact tracing will be done to determine who has been in contact with the infected person and their level of risk. Recommendations may be made for further care, testing, isolation, and quarantine. Information will be provided from the school to alert families or staff members if they have been in contact with someone with a positive diagnosis, or if there was a positive diagnosis of someone in the school, but not a close contact of the student or staff member.

#### 5) **What if a child or staff member has symptoms of COVID-19, do they and their families require quarantine or isolation?**

- If the person is sent home from school due to concerning symptoms, the best option is to test for COVID-19 by contacting your medical provider.
- A properly completed copy of our official district **Medical Evaluation for COVID-19 Concern** from completed by a medical provider. This form is available on the district and school websites, and from the school nurse.
- Having symptoms of COVID-19 without testing OR having a positive test result requires isolation for 10 days after the first symptoms appear and improvement of symptoms, AND at least 24 hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medication.
- If a person is without symptoms, but tests positive, the 10-day isolation period begins the day of the test.
- Isolation separates sick people with contagious disease from people, who are not sick.
- Quarantine separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. ([CDC](#))

#### 6) **What routines will be put in place to prevent the spread of germs in school buildings?**

- Practice regular hand washing or hand sanitizing
  - Upon entering a classroom
  - Before eating
  - Before boarding the bus at the end of the day
  - After restroom use
  - Anytime hands are dirty
  - Before putting on and after removing a face covering
  - First thing when entering the home after school
- Cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces
  - District protocols for all school cleaning

**7). What is the plan if a child becomes sick during the day? If a parent doesn't come and get them or can't come right away, is there a separate location for them to wait?**

- Each building will have three designated health stations.
- One station will be for students to receive daily medication, band-aids, injuries, etc.
- The second station will be used for students or staff with COVID like symptoms.
- The third station is an isolation room. Students will wait for parents to pick them up from isolation room.
- The Emergency Contacts listed in PowerSchool for students **MUST** be available to pick up students with-in 30 minutes from initial contact by the school nurse.
- Parents must update the emergency contacts listed to ensure that someone can get to the school in 30 minutes if the parent cannot arrive in this timeframe.