



How to Respond to Possible COVID Cases

We will update the Sidwell Friends **COVID-19 Testing Dashboard** weekly to keep the community apprised of positive cases. Unless instructed by local public health departments to send a separate communication to the entire community about a positive case, we will use the Testing Dashboard to share information about positivity rates in our School community. Any student or employee who was in close contact* with a confirmed positive case will be notified by the public health department and/or Sidwell Friends Health Services. The School will work closely with the Medical Advisory Team to determine when to suspend in-person learning and next steps should a division or grade level group reach a 2% positivity rate.

IF A STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE DEVELOPS COVID-19-LIKE SYMPTOMS

(e.g., fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing)

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:	HOW THE SCHOOL WILL RESPOND:
<p>Stay home and consult your healthcare provider; follow instructions from your healthcare provider regarding COVID-19 testing and isolation.</p> <p>If you receive a negative test result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify Health Services and follow instructions on when to return to School (at least three days after symptoms resolve). • Follow up with your healthcare provider and consider retesting for COVID-19 if symptoms do not resolve (Department of Health recommendation). • Provide SFS Health Services with your healthcare provider’s documentation, which must include information about a preexisting condition that may have caused the symptoms or documentation of a different diagnosis, such as influenza, strep throat, etc. <p>If you receive a positive test result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home and consult your healthcare provider. • Remain in isolation until at least 24 hours after fever resolves and respiratory symptoms improve AND at least 10 days from symptom onset, whichever occurs later, or 10 days from positive test date if asymptomatic. • Email Health Services at healthservices@sidwell.edu immediately if you receive a positive test result. <p>If you do not undergo COVID-19 testing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide SFS Health Services with your healthcare provider’s documentation, which must include information about a preexisting condition that may have caused the symptoms or documentation of a different diagnosis, such as influenza, strep throat, etc. • If you are unable to provide documentation from your healthcare provider, remain in isolation until at least 24 hours after fever resolves and respiratory symptoms improve AND at least 10 days from symptom onset, whichever occurs later. 	<p>The School will notify local public health departments and will follow all instructions, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and notifying close contacts* and others who have possibly been exposed (e.g., those in a cohort). • Disinfecting and cleaning relevant classrooms and shared spaces. • Notifying the community of confirmed positive cases by updating the Sidwell Friends Testing Dashboard.

IF AN UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE
COMES IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH COVID-19-LIKE SYMPTOMS

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:	HOW THE SCHOOL WILL RESPOND:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quarantine from date of last exposure even if you are asymptomatic. 2. If you have no symptoms and the test result of the person you were in contact with is negative, Health Services will notify you when you may return to school. 3. If you develop symptoms, even if the person you were in contact with tested negative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with your healthcare provider and consider under going testing for COVID-19 if symptoms continue (Department of Health recommendation). • Notify SFS Health Services and follow instructions on when to return to School (at least 24 hours after symptoms resolve). • Provide SFS Health Services with your healthcare provider's documentation, which must include information about a preexisting condition that may have caused the symptoms or documentation of a different diagnosis, such as influenza, strep throat, etc. 	<p>The School will continue to monitor and advise.</p>

IF A STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE
TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:	HOW THE SCHOOL WILL RESPOND:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you receive a positive test result, stay home, consult your healthcare provider, remain in isolation until at least 24 hours after fever resolves and respiratory symptoms improve AND at least 10 days from symptom onset, whichever occurs later, or 10 days from positive test date if asymptomatic. 2. Notify Health Services at healthservices@sidwell.edu immediately if you receive a positive test result. 	<p>The School will notify local public health departments and will follow all Department of Health instructions, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and notifying close contacts* and others who have possibly been exposed (e.g., those in a cohort). • Disinfecting and cleaning relevant classrooms and shared spaces. • Notifying the community of confirmed positive cases by updating the Sidwell Friends Testing Dashboard.

* **Close contact:** Close contact is described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as being within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. Cumulative total can be determined by adding individual exposures over a 24-hour period (e.g., three 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).

IF AN UNVACCINATED OR PARTIALLY VACCINATED STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE
COMES IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:	HOW THE SCHOOL WILL RESPOND:
<p>1. Stay home and consult your healthcare provider; follow instructions from your healthcare provider regarding COVID-19 testing.</p> <p>2. Notify Sidwell Friends Health Services immediately.</p> <p>3. You must honor all quarantine instructions from health department officials, even if your personal healthcare provider indicates you do not need to quarantine.</p> <p>If you receive a negative test result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarantine for 7 days from the last exposure; testing negative for COVID-19 will not shorten the 7-day quarantine, which is mandatory regardless of test results. • Notify Health Services and follow instructions on when to return to School 24 hours after symptoms resolve). • Report COVID-like symptoms to your healthcare provider and consider retesting for COVID-19 (Department of Health recommendation). • Provide SFS Health Services with your healthcare provider’s documentation, which must include information about a preexisting condition that may have caused the symptoms or documentation of a different diagnosis, such as influenza, strep throat, etc. • Monitor your temperature and symptoms closely. <p>If you receive a positive test result:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home and consult your healthcare provider. • Remain in isolation until at least 24 hours after fever resolves and respiratory symptoms improve AND at least 10 days from symptom onset, whichever occurs later, or 10 days from positive test date if asymptomatic. • Email Health Services at healthservices@sidwell.edu immediately if you receive a positive result. 	<p>The School will follow all local public health department instructions, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and notifying close contacts* and others who have possibly been exposed (e.g., those in a cohort). • Asking close contacts and possibly others to quarantine until test results from a suspected case have been received. • Assessing if a longer quarantine is needed. • Notifying the community of confirmed positive cases by updating the Sidwell Friends Testing Dashboard.

IF A STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE
TESTS NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19 *(including after symptoms have resolved)*

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:	HOW THE SCHOOL WILL RESPOND:
<p>1. Notify Health Services and follow instructions on when to return to School (at least 24 hours after symptoms resolve).</p> <p>2. Follow up with your healthcare provider and consider retesting for COVID-19 if symptoms do not improve (Department of Health recommendation).</p> <p>3. Provide SFS Health Services with your healthcare provider’s documentation, which must include information about a preexisting condition that may have caused the symptoms or documentation of a different diagnosis, such as influenza, strep throat, etc.</p>	<p>The School will continue to monitor and advise.</p>

* *Close contact: a person who has been less than six feet from a person with a confirmed case for longer than 15 minutes, irrespective of whether the contact was wearing respiratory PPE or a cloth face covering, starting from two days before illness onset (or for asymptomatic cases, two days prior to positive specimen collection). In some situations, it may be difficult to determine whether or not individuals have met these criteria and an entire cohort or other group may need to be considered exposed, particularly if people have spent time together indoors.*