



# Stay at Home Policy

A key to Cannon's success during the worst of the pandemic was parents' cooperation in not sending sick or exposed children to school. Daily vigilance by parents in the home will remain essential in preventing COVID-19 from coming to campus.

The following stay-at-home protocols apply to all students, faculty and staff, contractors, vendors, and other community members that frequent the campus:

## SYMPTOMS & CONDITIONS REQUIRING AN INDIVIDUAL TO STAY AT HOME

## STAY AT HOME PROTOCOL

**Fever (>100°), body aches/chills, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting, diarrhea, new onset of severe headache—especially headache with fever.** (For people with chronic conditions, symptoms should represent a change from baseline.)

Stay at home and check in with the nurses at [nurse@cannonschool.org](mailto:nurse@cannonschool.org)  
Symptomatic individual who is not a close contact (within 6 ft. for 15 minutes or more) of a positive case of COVID-19 should check in with their healthcare provider and Cannon's nursing team.

**Symptomatic individual who is a known close contact of a positive case of COVID-19**

Stay at home and check in with the nurses at [nurse@cannonschool.org](mailto:nurse@cannonschool.org).  
Obtain a PCR or antigen test. If the test is negative, the individual can return to school once they are symptom free or cleared by their physician.

**Rash or other contagious infection where symptoms may mimic COVID-19**

Stay at home and check in with the nurses at [nurse@cannonschool.org](mailto:nurse@cannonschool.org).  
See your healthcare provider. If your healthcare provider rules out COVID-19:

- The individual may return to school when they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- If antibiotics are prescribed, the individual must have completed 24 hours of the antibiotics and be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

**Positive COVID-19 test with symptoms**

Stay at home and check in with the nurses at [nurse@cannonschool.org](mailto:nurse@cannonschool.org).  
The individual can return to school when:

- It has been 10 days since the first day of symptoms.

AND

- The individual has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

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- All symptoms are improving.



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**Positive COVID-19 test without symptoms (asymptomatic)**

**COVID-19 like symptoms, but chooses to not see a healthcare provider or not have a COVID-19 test. Individual is considered presumptive positive because of clinically compatible illness.**

**Quarantine guidance**

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- The individual has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.  
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- All symptoms are improving.

- If both individuals were wearing masks for the duration of their contact in a classroom setting, then there is no need for an unvaccinated close contact to quarantine, unless they become symptomatic. However, if individuals were engaged in athletic activities or strenuous physical activity, there may be a need to quarantine.
- Fully-vaccinated individuals who are not symptomatic after close contact with a positive individual do not need to quarantine (masked or not). However, they do need to obtain a PCR test within three to five days after exposure.
- Individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 within three months of the close contact do not need to quarantine.
- For unvaccinated individuals, if masking was not being worn for the duration of their contact, then the close contact must quarantine for a minimum of 7 days with a PCR test taken within 48 hours of anticipated return date.