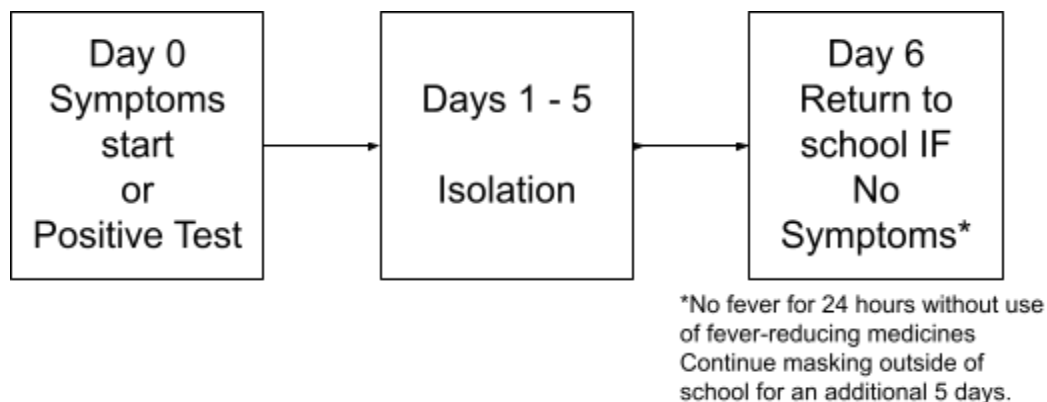




COVID-19 FAQ

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We understand there are questions about the new state guidance and are providing some FAQs here. We ask that you refrain from calling school nurses at this time, as the current volume of cases and calls is overwhelming. If your question is not answered below, please send us an email at FPSCOVID@fairfieldschools.org and we will respond within 24 hours.



What should I do if...?

1. My child tests positive for COVID.

If you have a positive result, please call the attendance line for your school and leave a message stating this is a COVID-related absence, the test date (Day 0), and estimated date of return (Day 6). If your child is still having symptoms on Day 6, call the attendance line again and let us know you are extending isolation. Siblings who are asymptomatic and fully vaccinated may continue in-person learning and test on Day 5 following exposure. Siblings who are not fully vaccinated should quarantine for 5 days from last exposure and then test.

2. My child has symptoms or doesn't feel well.

Keep your child home and have them tested. If you are not able to schedule or purchase a test, we can provide a home test kit to be picked up from school. Please call the attendance line and leave a message stating this is a COVID-related absence, the date symptoms started (Day 0), and estimated date of return (Day 6). If your child is still having symptoms on Day 6, call the

attendance line again and let us know you are extending isolation. ***Note: if your child has been exposed to a positive case and has symptoms, please see FAQ 3 and 4.***

3. There is a positive case in my child's class (elementary), grade (middle), or school.

The daily updates indicate which classrooms have new positive cases entered in our database, as of midnight the day prior. If your child's classroom is listed, simply monitor your child for symptoms, as you normally would. Unless your child has had close contact with a positive case outside of school, or becomes symptomatic, there is no need to quarantine.

4. My child was exposed to a positive case outside of school.

If your child is fully vaccinated and has no symptoms: Continue in-person learning and test on Day 5 following exposure. Consider quarantining for 5 days from all other activities outside of school, especially if notified of an extended high-intensity exposure (e.g., household contact, unmasked social contact, contact during athletic activities). Wear a mask at all times during any activities when around others for 10 days.

If your child is not fully vaccinated and has no symptoms: Quarantine at home from school, extracurricular activities, and other activities for 5 days from the last exposure to the COVID-19 case. Test for COVID-19 (either self-test or at a testing site) 5 days after the exposure. Wear a mask at all times during any activities when around others for an additional 5 days (i.e., through day 10).