

Updated COVID-19 Protocol

2021-2022

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What if my student tests positive for COVID-19?

* Inform your school nurse.

* Stay at home 5 days after start of symptoms. If no symptoms are present, stay home for 5 days after a positive test result. Contact your school nurse with questions”.

* Stay away from other people as much as possible (including those in your own household).

Do you have a fever or other symptoms that haven't started to get better on day six?

YES

- * Stay home until your fever is gone and other symptoms are better.
- * Wear a mask for an additional five days.

NO

- * Resume activities with a mask.
- * Wear a mask for an additional five days.

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What if my student is a close contact to someone who has COVID-19 at school or a school activity?

Students may come into close contact with a person who has COVID-19 during the school day or when participating in a school activity. The most common instances of in-school exposure are at lunch, on the bus, or in extracurricular activities. For in-district exposures to COVID-19, the Westlake City School District has elected to implement the Mask-To-Stay and Test-to-Play protocols recommended by the Ohio.

Direct contacts, regardless of vaccination or masking status, may remain in the classroom environment if they do the following:

- *Wear a mask for 10 days after their last date of exposure.*
- *Self-monitor, or parent-monitor, for symptoms of COVID-19.*
- *Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity).*

Direct contacts for COVID-19 are those individuals who are identified as being directly exposed to COVID-19 by the positive case. Remember, COVID-19 is a respiratory virus and does not require physical contact to spread. It is spread through sneezing, coughing, talking, and breathing. These factors should be considered when determining level of exposure and direct contacts. Best practice for distancing is 3 ft with everyone masked, 6 ft if the individual is not masked.

Testing on day 5 after exposure is recommended.

Parents and students are responsible for [symptom monitoring](#); however, if nurses/school staff see a child exhibiting symptoms they should act accordingly.

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What if my student is a close contact to someone who has COVID-19 outside of school?

If a student is exposed to COVID-19 through family members or activities outside of the school setting, a separate set of guidelines must be followed.

Contact that occurs outside of school, is governed by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH). Whether you test positive by using a proctored or self-administered test, here are the steps you should follow:

1. Contact CCBH either by email ([click here](#)) or call (216) 201-2080.
2. Contact your student's nurse. If you email CCBH, you can just cc your nurse.

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What are the quarantine protocols for close contact outside of school?

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health enforces the quarantine protocols from the Ohio Department of Health. After you contact them, they will send a letter with instructions for your isolation and close contacts. Due to the volume of cases the offices are receiving, communication may be delayed, therefore, [here is the link to the quarantine protocols](#) they require. Individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 outside of school are expected to comply with quarantines issued by the local board of health.