

COVID-19 SCHOOL GUIDANCE 2022-2023



General

- Schools should follow their existing exclusion policies for illness and return to school.

Confirmed Positive Cases

- Must quarantine away from school setting for 5 days from onset of symptoms.
 - May return on day 6 if existing exclusion/return to school criteria are met.
 - Must wear a mask on days 6-10 during school hours and school activities (to the extent possible).

Close Contacts

- PHS will not conduct contact tracing, nor are we requiring schools to continue their own contact tracing.
 - **If** a close-contact is easily identified (or self-identifies), the student **should** be asked to wear a mask for five days after exposure, and monitor for symptoms on days 6-10.
 - **If** a student has been identified as a close-contact and he/she is unable or unwilling to wear a mask in school settings, it is recommended he/she be excluded for five days. The student can then return on day six and continue monitoring for symptoms through day ten.

Testing

- Due to the wide availability of at-home test kits, there is no way to track or know of all positive cases in the district. Therefore, PHS does **not** recommend requiring test results for return to school and schools should follow their existing return to school policies.
- Any staff or student who develops symptoms of COVID-19 is encouraged to get tested and contact his/her healthcare provider for early treatment.



These recommendations are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. School districts can and should follow their own policies in relation to COVID-19.

Questions? Contact our office at 402-826-3880.