



<p><b>Student or staff member tests <i>positive</i> for COVID-19</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If no symptom(s), at least 10 days of exclusion after date of first COVID positive test (date of nasal swab, saliva test or blood draw)</li> <li>• If symptom(s) are present, at least 10 days of exclusion from onset of symptom(s)</li> <li>• Period of exclusion will be extended until at least 24 hours<sup>1</sup> after fever breaks (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptom(s)<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• 'Release from Isolation' letter from LHD required prior to return<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• Quarantine for close contacts? YES</li> </ul>	<p>10 calendar days (minimum)</p>
<p><b>Student or staff member is a <i>probable</i> COVID-19 case (New 8/20/2020)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Obtains a COVID-19 diagnosis without diagnostic testing OR</li> <li>2. Has COVID-like symptoms and is epidemiologically linked to a known case</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 10 days of exclusion from onset of symptom(s)</li> <li>• Period of exclusion will be extended until at least 24 hours<sup>4</sup> after fever breaks (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptom(s)</li> <li>• 'Release from Isolation' letter from LHD required prior to return</li> <li>• Quarantine for close contacts? YES</li> </ul>	<p>10 calendar days (minimum)</p>
<p><b>Student or staff member is <i>symptomatic</i> (exhibits one or more symptoms of COVID-19)</b></p> <p>Fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain (<i>IDPH decision tree</i>)<sup>5</sup> and poor appetite/poor feeding (<i>CDC update</i>)<sup>6</sup></p>	
<p><b>Symptomatic student or staff member with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The diagnostic test must be a viral test (nasal swab or blood)</li> <li>• Antibody tests cannot be used to prove or disprove a COVID-19 infection</li> <li>• Specimen collected 48 hours prior to or any time after symptom onset</li> <li>• Require for return: negative COVID-19 test or healthcare provider's note</li> <li>• Quarantine for close contacts? NO</li> </ul>	<p>Stay home until symptom(s) have improved or resolved</p>
<p><b>Symptomatic student or staff member with an alternative diagnosis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student/staff member may present documentation of other illness or condition (e.g., allergies, fibromyalgia, traumatic brain injury, etc.) that may be causing symptom(s)</li> <li>• Require for return: A healthcare provider's note (<i>deleted physician on 8/13/2020</i>) with the alternative diagnosis OR (<i>revised from 'and' on 8/13/2020</i>) a negative COVID-19 test</li> <li>• Can SD require a negative COVID-19 test for return? NO</li> <li>• Quarantine for close contacts? NO</li> </ul>	<p>Stay home until symptom(s) have improved or resolved</p>
<p><b>Symptomatic student or staff member without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 10 days of exclusion from onset of symptom(s)</li> <li>• Period of exclusion will be extended until at least 24 hours after fever breaks (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptom(s)</li> <li>• Self-certification from staff member/parent/guardian required upon return</li> <li>• Can SD require a negative COVID-19 test for return? NO</li> <li>• Quarantine for close contacts? YES for household members; consider quarantine for other close contacts if poor adherence to social distancing or use of face coverings</li> </ul>	<p>10 calendar days (minimum)</p> <p>14 calendar days if the individual is a 'close contact' to a case</p>

<sup>1</sup> ISBE revision per CDC guidance [Transition Planning Phase 4](https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Transition_Planning_Phase_4_(7/28/2020).pdf) (7/28/2020) at page 31  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-COVID19-Exclusion-Decison-Tree.pdf> (8/20/2020)  
<sup>3</sup> <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-COVID19-Exclusion-Decison-Tree.pdf> (8/20/2020)  
<sup>4</sup> ISBE revision per CDC guidance [Transition Planning Phase 4](https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Transition_Planning_Phase_4_(7/28/2020).pdf) (7/28/2020) at page 31  
<sup>5</sup> <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-COVID19-Exclusion-Decison-Tree.pdf> (8/17/2020)  
<sup>6</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/pediatric-hcp.html> (8/14/2020)



<p><b>Student or staff member has a temperature <u>100.4°F (38°C) or higher (IDPH decision tree) with no other COVID-19 symptoms</u><sup>7</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 24 hours must elapse from resolution of the fever without fever reducing medication before the student/staff member can return to school</li> <li>• At least 24 hours must also elapse without diarrhea or vomiting<sup>8</sup></li> <li>• If any other COVID-19 symptoms are present, treat as symptomatic</li> </ul>	<p>24 hours (minimum)</p>
<p><b>Student or staff member had close contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A close contact is anyone (with or without a face covering) who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (with or without a face covering), for at least 15 minutes throughout the course of a day<sup>9</sup></li> <li>• The period of close contact begins 2 calendar days before the onset of symptoms in the source case (if the source case was symptomatic) OR 2 calendar days before the positive sample was obtained from the source case (if the source case was asymptomatic)</li> <li>• If the source case was symptomatic, people with briefer periods of exposure may also be considered contacts who require quarantine</li> <li>• Period of exclusion starts on the date of the most recent close contact</li> <li>• The close contact can happen at school, home, in the community, etc.</li> <li>• Individuals who remain asymptomatic throughout 14 calendar days of quarantine do not need a physician’s note to return to school</li> <li>• Can student or staff member obtain a negative COVID-19 test to return early? No; the 14-day quarantine is required due to the incubation/infectious period of COVID-19.</li> </ul>	<p>14 calendar days</p>
<p><b>Student or staff member had close contact with someone with COVID-19 symptom(s)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A close contact is anyone (with or without a face covering) who was within 6 feet of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (with or without a face covering), for at least 15 minutes throughout the course of a day</li> <li>• The period of close contact begins 2 calendar days before the onset of symptoms in the source case</li> <li>• People with briefer periods of exposure to the source case may also be considered contacts who require quarantine</li> <li>• Period of exclusion starts on the date of the most recent close contact</li> <li>• The close contact can happen at school, home, in the community, etc.</li> <li>• Individuals who remain asymptomatic throughout 14 calendar days of quarantine do not need a physician’s note to return to school</li> <li>• Can student/staff member obtain a negative COVID-19 test to return early in these situations? No; the 14-day quarantine is required due to the incubation period and infectious period of COVID-19.</li> <li>• What if the source case tests negative? The student or staff member may return if:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A diagnostic viral test was performed on the source case (nasal swab or blood); antibody tests cannot be used to prove or disprove a COVID-19 infection</li> <li>○ Specimen was collected 48 hours prior to or any time after symptom onset</li> <li>○ Student or staff member presents their own negative COVID-19 diagnostic viral test along with proof of the negative test for the source case</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>14 calendar days</p>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-COVID19-Exclusion-Decison-Tree.pdf> (8/17/2020)

<sup>8</sup> [IDPH Guidance Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) for Schools](#) (8/12/2020) at page 1

<sup>9</sup> [IDPH Guidance Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) for Schools](#) (8/12/2020) at page 2



<b>Household members</b> When one member of a household is being evaluated for COVID-19, the rest of the household must be quarantined until an alternative diagnosis is made or negative result received. If the student or staff member becomes a confirmed case ( <i>i.e.</i> , tests positive for COVID-19) or a probable case ( <i>i.e.</i> , has COVID-like symptoms and is epidemiologically linked to known case), the local health department conducting contact tracing will place all household contacts, including siblings and parents, in quarantine for 14 calendar days.	14 calendar days
<b>Close contacts on the bus or in the classroom</b> If a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case is identified in a classroom, or on a school bus, who will be considered close contacts that need to be quarantined for 14 calendar days? Will this include the entire classroom or all the students on the bus? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exposure in a classroom should be limited to everyone with whom the confirmed or probable COVID case had close contact, within 6 feet, for at least 15 minutes throughout the course of a day.</li><li>• Exposure on a bus must include everyone who sat within 6 feet of the confirmed or probable COVID case for 15 minutes or longer. A possible approach to identifying close contacts on a bus would be to include persons who sat 3 rows in front and 3 rows behind the confirmed or probable COVID case.</li></ul>	14 calendar days
<b>Student or staff member previously tested COVID-19 positive and are exhibiting symptom(s) of COVID-19 again; do they need to be sent home or quarantine again?<sup>10</sup></b> <i>(new 8/20/2020)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individuals who tested COVID-19 positive within the past 3 months by a viral test (PCR) or Antigen test should not have a suspicion of COVID-19 reinfection, and therefore, do not need to be excluded, isolated or quarantined for a period of 3 months from symptom onset date or specimen collection date (if asymptomatic)</li><li>• They should, of course, return to school only when feeling better</li></ul>	
<b>Student/staff member has returned from a location in another country with sustained widespread transmission designated as Travel Warning Level 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices">https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices</a></li></ul>	14 calendar days
<b>Student/staff member has returned to Chicago and/or suburban Cook County from another state with a high incidence of COVID-19 infection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A 14 calendar day quarantine is currently recommended (not required) for individuals entering the City of Chicago and suburban Cook County, Illinois, from states with high incidence of COVID-19 infections</li><li>• <b>Cook County:</b> <a href="https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance/">https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-19-travel-guidance/</a></li><li>• <b>Chicago:</b> <a href="https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html">https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html</a></li></ul>	14 calendar days

<sup>10</sup> IDPH FAQ document #6 (8/20/2020) <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IDPH-School-FAQs.pdf>