



# Westerville City Schools Quarantine Guidelines

## Students Stay Home or Be Sent Home For:

### 1 Sick with One of these COVID-19 Symptoms

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- New or worsened cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- New or worsened nasal congestion or runny nose

OR

### 2 Sick with Two of these COVID-19 Symptoms

- Headache
- Body aches
- New or worsened fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

OR

### 3 Close Contacts\*

1. If there is a Sibling or Household Contact of/to the Sick Student
  - Parents will be asked to pick up siblings and housemates of students with COVID symptoms, whether kept home or sent home from school
  - Staff members who have children or household members who are symptomatic will also be sent home
2. If students or staff are within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes, 48 hours prior to symptoms or positive test, outside of the school setting or in the school setting **and masks were NOT worn properly or less than 6 feet while eating.**
  - a. This would result in a full 10 day quarantine and the student or staff would not be able to come to school.

## WHEN Can Students Come Back??

### 1 & 2 Sick Students May Return With:

- A note from the doctor/or provider indicating a non-COVID-19 diagnosis  
OR
- A Negative COVID-19 test  
OR
- Completion of 10 days of Isolation
  - We count 10 days starting with the day after symptom onset as day 1**AND**
- Symptoms are improved and fever free without medication for 24 hours.

### 3 Close Contacts\*

Student or staff who were deemed a close contact in the school setting and masks were NOT worn properly

- Can return after 10 day quarantine at home.

### Siblings and Household Contacts Return When

- A Non-COVID-19 diagnosis has been given for the sick student.  
OR
- A Negative COVID test has been received for the sick student.  
OR
- They have completed 10 days of quarantine away from the isolated sick student.

**IMPORTANT: This means the sick student must be isolated in the home away from others.**

- If unable to isolate a sick student in the home for 10 days, the sibling could be out of school for up to 20 days.

## WHAT is a MODIFIED Quarantine?

Students and adults in K-12 schools may continue to attend in-person school, when considered a close contact, if the following conditions are met:

- 1 The exposure occurred within a classroom environment or while on required school transport (e.g., school bus).
- 2 The person with COVID-19 and any associated contacts were wearing face masks that covered their nose and mouth at all times.
- 3 Social distancing of at least 3 feet was maintained.
  - If meals were consumed, a distance of at least 6 feet between students must have been maintained.

## WHAT about at Home or Sports?

Close contacts\* who continue to attend in-person K-12 school should also follow normal protocols for quarantine when outside the k-12 classroom environment, including:

- Staying home, 10 day quarantine
- Students may not participate in extracurricular activities such as **sports practices or games** for 14 days from last exposure.

If you receive a release letter, or other differing guidance from Delaware County Health District, Franklin County Public Health or Columbus Public Health, please follow their guidance, and share a copy of the letter with your school nurse.

\*Close Contact = A close contact is anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes cumulative, including the 48 hours prior to symptoms or positive test.

# Child In-Person Participation Algorithm

Ohio Public Health Advisory Level 2-4 Counties<sup>†</sup>

## Keep Child with SYMPTOMS of COVID-19 at Home:

### One of the following<sup>1</sup>:

- Fever (100.4°F or higher)
- New or worsened cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- New or worsened nasal congestion or runny nose

OR

### Two or more of the following<sup>1</sup>:

- Headache
- Body aches
- New or worsened fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

<sup>1</sup> Excludes symptoms attributable to an alternative diagnosis.

Clinical judgment should always guide testing practices.

Obtain COVID-19 viral test.

## Keep Child at Home Until Following Criteria Met:

<b>Positive or Clinical Diagnosis</b>	10 days after symptom onset and 24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms
<b>Pending</b>	Until results known
<b>Negative</b>	24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms
<b>Not Tested</b>	10 days after symptom onset and 24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms
<b>Alternative Diagnosis</b>	24+ hours without fever and improved symptoms

## Keep Child with EXPOSURE to COVID-19 at Home:

Close contacts in a classroom or on a school bus in which students and staff were wearing face coverings at all times and social distancing, may attend in-person school, but must monitor for symptoms for 14 days and stay at home when not in school.

Close contacts with exposure in the community or during sports or extracurricular activities must still be kept at home.

Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of a person either laboratory confirmed or clinically diagnosed with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes.

Child has symptoms.

Child does NOT have symptoms.

## Keep Child at Home Until Following Criteria Met:

Obtain COVID-19 viral test. If positive, isolate as detailed above. If negative, quarantine as designated by public health.

Quarantine and monitor for symptoms<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The local health department will assist schools and child care centers in determining which asymptomatic children may require testing when an entire cohort, classroom or team has been exposed.

<sup>†</sup> Counties under Level 1 Health Advisory should follow guidance by the local public health department.

Please follow Ohio Administrative Code 3701-3-13 <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/3701-3-13> for exclusion for diarrhea and other infectious diseases.