

Kankakee School District - COVID FAQ's

<p>What are COVID symptoms? (For Everyone)</p>	<p>Fever (100.4 or greater) or chills Cough Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Fatigue Muscle or body aches Headache New loss of taste or smell Sore throat Congestion or runny nose Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea</p>
<p>What is a close contact? (For Everyone)</p>	<p>A close contact is anyone who was within 3 to 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.</p> <p>An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, if they are asymptomatic, 2 days before their specimen that tested positive was collected), until they meet the criteria for discontinuing home isolation</p>
<p>If a student in my building exhibits any of the above COVID symptoms, what should I do? (For Administrators)</p>	<p>That student should be immediately sent to the CARES room. Contact with the parent must be made to pick up that student. The student will then have to isolate/quarantine for the required amount of time.</p>
<p>Do I have to conduct contact tracing and what are the next steps? (For Administrators)</p>	<p>Email Dr. Francine Jones and Shemeka Fountain immediately. Identify those individuals that are a close contact. Dr. Jones and Ms. Fountain will help guide you through the process.</p>
<p>If a student in my building has symptoms and they have siblings in the district, what is my next step? (For Administrators)</p>	<p>Notify those building principals and inform them about the symptomatic student. The principal will contact the School Nurse who will assess them and make a decision in consultation with the School nurse whether to send them home. Those building principals will have the parents quarantine siblings.</p>

<p>A student is in close contact with another student that has COVID, but exhibits no symptoms. Do they have to be quarantined? Do their siblings from a different building have to quarantine? (For Administrators)</p>	<p>The student who is a close contact must quarantine. The siblings who were not close contacts do not have to quarantine unless they or their sibling, who was the close contact, exhibits symptoms.</p>
<p>Who can assess whether or not a student should stay at school or go home? (For Everyone)</p>	<p>The only people that will assess whether or not a student goes home is the building administrator, who will then discuss with Ms. Fountain.</p>
<p>Who should be sent to the CARES Room?</p>	<p>Any student that exhibits the above mentioned symptoms.</p>
<p>If a student exhibits symptoms and they are bus riders, should you put them on the bus? (For Administrators)</p>	<p>No, contact should be made to have a parent or an emergency contact pick up the student. Buses should be disinfected once they have become aware of a positive Covid child being transported.</p>
<p>How long should students / staff isolate/quarantine? (New Guidance)</p>	<p>A student or staff member that has COVID should isolate/quarantine for 5 days. Due to our area's positivity rate, students and staff must take a COVID test on the 6th day and if they are negative and present NO symptoms they may return to school / work (mask and social distancing continued).</p>
<p>Who do you report COVID cases to in the district? (For Everyone)</p>	<p>Teachers report to their administrators who will then report to Dr. Jones, their school nurse and Ms. Fountain. September 19 the SBHC will be ready to provide Covid-19 antigen testing by appointment only for students.</p>
<p>Who has the authority to shut down a classroom due to COVID cases? (For Everyone)</p>	<p>Ms. Fountain and Dr. Jones will work together to make a determination. Building administrators should not close down a classroom without approval from Ms. Fountain.</p>
<p>A staff member is exhibiting some of the above symptoms. They feel that it may be allergies or a sinus infection. What should they do? (For Everyone)</p>	<p>Out of an abundance of caution, the staff member should isolate/quarantine for the 5 day period and produce a negative COVID test taken on the 6th day before returning to work (mask and 6ft social distancing continued).</p>

I am vaccinated but have COVID symptoms, what should I do? (For Everyone)

If you have symptoms regardless of vaccination status, you must isolate/quarantine for the above mentioned time and produce a negative COVID test taken on the 6th day before returning to work (mask and 6ft social distancing should be continued). If you want to discontinue masking, they must **retest** and receive negative results on 8 and Day 10 . If positive result must start isolation again as Day 0