Health Services Department

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Student COVID-19 FAQ

Does my student need to stay home from school if they are sick?

We are committed to providing a healthy school community. If your child is too sick to participate in the regular activities of the school day, they should stay home until they feel well enough to return. Please contact the school office to report your student's absence. Your student will be excluded from school based on <u>General Illness Guidelines</u>. If your student is experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms, they are encouraged to get tested and those with a positive test result should consult with their healthcare provider for further directions. If you are unable to reach your health care provider, feel free to contact your <u>school's nurse</u>.

My student tested positive for COVID-19. How long do they need to stay home from school?

Students that test positive for COVID-19 should consult with their healthcare provider for further directions. Your student will be excluded from school based on <u>General Illness</u> <u>Guidelines</u>, and the healthcare provider will help determine your student's return to school plan.

What happens if my student was exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19?

Your student can remain in school. If symptoms develop, it is recommended that they get tested and stay home if they are too sick to participate in the regular activities of the school day.

Is my student required to wear a mask at school?

Masking for students and staff will continue to be optional. We encourage families and staff to consult with your healthcare provider as it relates to masks and quarantines. Masks will be available for both students and staff upon request.

Can my student participate in athletics/activities if they are sick or test positive for COVID-19?

If your student is sick, they will be excluded from athletics/activities based on <u>General Illness</u> <u>Guidelines</u>. Students participating in athletics and activities that are covered by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) will follow MSHSL's <u>COVID-Positive Participation</u> Requirements.