

MSDMV Student Information for COVID-19

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Information subject to change

Daily Screening

- Parents are expected to take student temperatures daily before school. If no thermometer is available at home, notify the school.
- If the student's temperature is 100.3 or higher, the student stays home until temperature-free without medication for 72 hours unless seen by a doctor and a doctor's note is provided.
- Random temperature screenings will be performed by the school nurse.
- Students already at school with a temperature of 100.3 or higher will be sent home and must be temperature-free without medication for 72 hours before returning to school unless a doctor's note is provided.
- Parents are also expected to screen students for other COVID-19 symptoms daily, including the following possible symptoms based on CDC guidance:
 - Fever 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
- Students with one or more of these symptoms (that are not otherwise explained) must stay home or will be sent home and must be symptom-free without medication for 72 hours before returning to school unless a doctor's note is provided.

Transportation

- A face covering or a face shield will be required for all students and adults on a school bus or other school-sponsored mode of transportation due to the federal mask mandate on public transportation.
- Students who need a face covering or face shield should contact their school or the Health Department.
- Students will be assigned seats.
- Buses will be sanitized daily.

General School Day

- Face coverings or face shields are required for all students in grades 3-12 while inside a school building or facility.
- Face coverings or face shields are strongly encouraged for students in grades K-2.
- Students will report directly to class or a designated area once they have entered school.
- Water bottles are highly encouraged.
- Traditional use of a water fountain will be prohibited. Areas of play may be assigned during recess.
- Sanitizing stations will be set up for student use.

Student Attendance

- Attendance will be counted normally. If not present on-campus, the student will be counted absent.
- Makeup work will be provided through Google Classroom.
- Students will receive makeup work from regular classroom teachers even when absent and participating remotely from home.
- No more than ten students at a time will be in the locker rooms during PE.
- Elementary students will not dress out for PE until further notice.

Student Absence Protocol for COVID-19

On-Campus Student But Needs to Quarantine

Student will work remotely from home, using Google Classroom to learn.

No Symptoms

- Student will complete all lessons and assignments each day.

Symptoms prohibiting learning

- Student will complete all lessons and assignments at a later time.

Close Contact

- According to the CDC, a close contact is a person who spends more than 15 minutes (cumulative time) within six feet of a positive COVID-19 person from the 48 hours prior to the positive person's symptom onset (or 48 hours prior to the positive test collection date if the positive person is asymptomatic).
- Non-vaccinated close contacts are required to quarantine at home for 14 days after the date of their last exposure to the positive person.
- Potential non-vaccinated close contacts are also required to quarantine at home, with other non-vaccinated household members, from the time the possible positive case tests until those test results are in.
- There is no requirement to test for COVID-19 before returning to work or school as long as you quarantine for at least 14 days. Continue to screen daily as shown above.
- Classroom Rule: If the students and teachers remain at least three (3) feet apart, forward facing, and wear a mask at all times in the classroom, quarantine does not apply. This rule only applies during the school day while in the classroom and does not apply to lunch, athletics, band, orchestra, choir, or any other school setting where students may gather.

- While mask use and plexiglass barriers decrease the risk of infection, at this time it does not change recommendations for quarantine. The Close Contact rule and quarantine will apply anytime the “six-foot rule” or “classroom rule” is not followed for more than 15 minutes cumulative.
- All employees are expected to maintain 6-foot distance (or 3 ft. in the classroom) AND wear a mask or face shield at all times when in proximity to other employees and/or students, if at all possible.
- Your failure to maintain proper distance can result in multiple close contacts among students and staff, which produces needless quarantines and possible additional infection if the virus is present. All employees are expected to maintain the proper distance if at all possible.
- If the close contact is symptomatic and is either waiting for a test result or is not getting tested, then other non-vaccinated household members should be quarantined until the test result is in. If the symptomatic close contact is not getting tested, then we consider other household members close contacts because we can’t rule out COVID-19. If the close contact is not symptomatic, household members do not need to quarantine.

Quarantine

- Non-vaccinated close contacts are required to quarantine at home for 14 days after the date of their last exposure to the positive person.
- Potential non-vaccinated close contacts are also required to quarantine at home, with other non-vaccinated household members, from the time the possible positive case tests until those test results are in.
- If a student or staff member is told to quarantine by a school official, that official is imposing the quarantine on behalf of the local health department and students/staff must heed the requirements of the quarantine
- During your quarantine period you are required to:
 - Stay at home and keep your distance from others in the home
 - Do NOT go to school
 - Do NOT go to practice/lessons
 - Do NOT go to friends
 - Do NOT go to sporting events
 - Do NOT go shopping or to movies
 - Do NOT go to restaurants
 - Do not have visitors
 - Do NOT have friends in your home
 - Do NOT have friends in the vehicle with you
- The Health Department takes quarantine very seriously and may take action including but not limited to fines and penalties against anyone who chooses not to follow quarantine procedures when deemed necessary.

Positive Test Result

- A positive student or staff member with symptoms must isolate at home for 10 days from the date the positive test was collected and be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and have a reduction in symptoms before returning to school.
- A positive student/staff member without symptoms must isolate at home for 10 days after the date the positive test was collected.
- Rules for how to isolate are the same as for quarantine. See quarantine rules above.
- There is no requirement to retest before returning to work as long as you meet the criteria above.