

COVID Protocol & Testing

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West Ada School District recognizes that students who are sick/symptomatic should not attend school, but most illnesses do not require the same level or length of isolation as COVID-19. Excluding students from school for longer than what is called for in existing school policies (e.g., fever free without medication for 72 hours) based on COVID-19 symptoms alone risks repeated, long-term unnecessary student absence. Therefore, Preventative Health will be able to offer the following tests at Preventative Health in Eagle and at the West Ada District Office:

1. Abbott Rapid Test (mid-nasal swab) results in 15 minutes
2. PCR Test (Polymerase Chain Reaction - mid-nasal swab) results in approximately 72 hours (timing of lab results may increase depending on community lab volumes)
3. Antibody Testing

Please use the links below to schedule a same day testing appointment starting Monday September 20.

- West Ada District Office drive up COVID-19 RAPID/PCR Tests

[COVID-19 Vaccine: West Ada District Office Drive Up COVID-19 RAPID/PCR Tests - Monday, September 20th \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

- Preventative Health Eagle Office Drive-Up COVID-19 RAPID/PCR Tests

Please call (208) 853-2273 to schedule an appointment

With additional testing capabilities, West Ada School District will adjust the following protocols to start Monday, September 20, 2021:

1. Symptoms

Students/staff experiencing COVID19 like symptoms, without a known exposure, will:

- Stay home until they are symptom-free/improved for 72 hours without fever or symptom-reducing

medications. **Please note, we are currently in a time of high community transmission, which means students are required to stay home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.**

- Students/staff may return sooner than the current 10 days, if we receive a healthcare provider written note **or** students/staff symptoms have improved over 72 hours and on day 4 they obtain a negative COVID 19 test from a testing facility or health care provider.

2. Exposed: How to Quarantine:

School Based Exposures

- Stay home for 10 days and watch for COVID-19 symptoms
- Call your primary care provider if you develop symptoms
- Quarantine individuals may be able to attend school/work. This only applies to one of the following scenarios. **To utilize one of these scenarios you must remain asymptomatic and wear a mask for the entire 10-day quarantine period.**
 - Show proof of a probable diagnosis, a previous positive test, or a positive antibody test within the preceding 90 days.
- Your child is identified as a close contact to a positive individual in a standard classroom-like setting, AND your child was consistently wearing a mask covering the nose and mouth.
- Your child receives a negative COVID 19 test from a testing facility or health care provider on or after 72 hours following last contact with the positive case.
- Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine after providing proof of vaccination status and if they are asymptomatic. You must wear a mask during the 10-day quarantine period.

Community and Household Exposures (NO changes from current guidance):

- For community-based exposures (sleepovers, club sports, weddings, funerals, etc.) or household exposures (someone in your household tests positive) please utilize the following resource to calculate your quarantine period and notify your child's school of absence.

Primary care provider

Central District Health 208-321-2222

For Quarantine and Isolation Calculations for community-based exposures may use Boise States COVID Calculator: covid-calculator.boisestate.edu/

Like the modifications we made last spring to the quarantine release program, we have determined that our students are better off within our school programs and restricting their ability to attend school and school-related activities is something we know can negatively affect their well-being, mental health, relationships, scholarships, and their future.

We also know that having them participate in school and school activities allows us to be able to focus their attention on healthy behaviors that will help us all through these challenging times.

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