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Guidelines for Presumptive and Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Students

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The Danville Area School District has developed these guidelines to maintain the health and safety of the school community. These guidelines support the recommendations of the PA Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

All parents/guardians of students are required to notify their DASD building principal immediately if a student has a positive COVID-19 test or has been exposed to an individual with a confirmed COVID-19 positive test. The principal must immediately notify Dr. Ricki Boyle. Dr. Ricki Boyle, Pandemic Coordinator, will be the DASD point of contact with the PA Department of

Self-Screening Students

All staff and students are required to conduct a daily symptom self-screen before coming into the school building. Students should stay at home according to guidelines in the Danville School Symptom Screening Tool (Appendix A), and follow the symptomatic process flow for guidance. The following links are connected to the CDC or PDE websites.

[Home Screening Guidelines](#)

[COVID-19 Symptomatic Process Flow](#)

Student Who Develops Symptoms at School

If a student develops the following symptoms while at school:

- Fever of 99.0 or higher
- 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

Then:

- Teacher will inform school nurse by telephone prior to sending the child to the Health Room or designated isolation room
- Student will be escorted by an adult (no student escorts) to the Health Room or designated isolation room
- Nurse or identified staff member will perform appropriate health assessment, including the [DASD School Symptom Screening Tool](#), and documentation
- Nurse or identified staff member will notify parent/guardian to pick up student
- Student will remain supervised in an isolated area until the parent/guardian arrives
- Parents/guardians will be given instructions to contact their medical provider
- Nurse or identified staff member will follow up with family and document interaction
- Nurse or identified staff member will disinfect the isolation area.

Student Who Tests Positive for COVID-19

The parent/guardian of a student who tests positive for COVID-19 must notify their child's building principal of the positive test on the same day of those test results. The building principal will immediately contact Dr. Ricki Boyle. The PA Department of Health will be contacted by Dr. Ricki Boyle, Pandemic Coordinator, and the DASD will follow their directives for contact tracing, quarantining, and communication. The PA Department of Health will be responsible for all COVID-19 communication with families, staff members, or anyone else who interacted with the COVID-19 positive individual.

If other staff members and students are required to quarantine at the guidance of the PA Department of Health then the classroom may flip to virtual instruction throughout the duration of the quarantine.

Student Return to School Guidelines

Refer to: Student Health Screening Protocols Appendix B

When tested and determined to be **COVID-19 positive**, the student will remain home until ALL of the following are true:

- At least 14 days since the onset of symptoms AND
- At least 3 days free of fever without the use of fever reducing medication AND
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)
- *Note: the COVID-19 positive individual does not need a repeat COVID test or a doctor's note in order to return to school.*

When symptomatic, tested and determined to be **COVID-19 negative**, the student will remain home until:

- The student meets the school's normal criteria for return after an illness which includes fever, vomiting, and diarrhea free for greater than 24 hours without medication OR
- A clinician has evaluated the child and documented an alternative diagnosis and stated that the child may return to school.

When symptomatic, but **COVID-19 testing was not completed**, the student will remain home until all of the following are true:

- Feeling well and have been symptom free for greater than 24 hours without medication OR
- If symptoms persist after 3 days of absence, a doctor's note will be required, following school guidelines OR
- A doctor/clinician's diagnosis or request for COVID-19 testing will determine your return to school date

School Closure or School Dismissal

Guidance regarding the closure or dismissal of a classroom or school due to COVID-19 will be made in conjunction with the PA Department of Health and the Department of Education. These decisions will be made with the health and safety of our students and staff in mind.

APPENDIX A: DASD SCHOOL SYMPTOM SCREENING

DASD School Symptom Screening Tool

Complete Daily Prior to School/Work*

Employee or Student Name:

Assigned Class/Group:

Temperature:

Are you/is the student taking any medication to treat or reduce a fever such as Ibuprofen (i.e. Advil, Motrin) or Acetaminophen (Tylenol)?

Are you/is the student experiencing any of the following?

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Cough Shortness of breath Difficulty breathing New olfactory disorder New taste disorder	Fever (measured or subjective) Chills Rigors Myalgia Headache Sore throat Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea Fatigue Congestion or runny nose

Stay home if, you or the student:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A OR
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B OR
- Are taking fever reducing medication.

**May be utilized as a screening tool for both at home and on-site screening practices.*

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APPENDIX B: STUDENT HEALTH SCREENING PROTOCOLS

STUDENT HEALTH SCREENING PROTOCOLS



The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. In order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to the fullest extent, we will be following the guidelines of the [PA Department of Health](#)¹ and the [Centers for Disease Control and Protection](#)².

Have you had close contact with any person who has been tested without result or received a positive test result or been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days?

Have you been advised by a medical professional to self-quarantine within the last 14 days?

YES **NO**

YES **NO**

If you answer YES to either of the above questions:

- do NOT attend school
- notify the school of an absence.



Assess how your child is feeling each day before coming to school.

If Your Child is Feeling Sick

Please keep your child at home and call your school to notify them of an absence.

Check the current list of symptoms on the [Symptoms Page](#)³ of the DoH website. These continue to change, so check regularly.

Or use the CDC's [Self Check Symptoms](#)⁴ tool.

If Your Child is Feeling Well

Take your child's temperature to alert you if an illness is developing.

If he/she has a fever of 100.4 or greater, monitor symptoms and/or contact your healthcare provider.

If your child's temperature is normal, send them to school, following all safety procedures.

Report Plans to Travel or Visit:



Please contact your child's teacher if you have plans to travel, have traveled, plan to have visitors, or have had visitors from any state identified by the PA DoH as experiencing the spread of coronavirus disease. See the current list [HERE](#)⁵. The governor recommends a 14 day quarantine in these instances.

Return to School Protocols:

Symptoms of illness, no COVID-19 Test

You can return to school when you are feeling well and have been symptom free for greater than 24 hours without medication.

If symptoms persist after 3 days of absence, a doctor's note will be required, following school guidelines.

A doctor/clinician's diagnosis or request for COVID-19 testing will determine your return to school date.

Symptoms of illness, COVID-19 Test Result – Negative

You are feeling well and have been symptom free for greater than 24 hours without medication **OR**

A doctor/clinician has evaluated you and documented an alternative diagnosis, stating you may return to school.



COVID-19 Test – Positive

At least 14 days since the onset of symptoms **AND**

- At least 3 days free of fever without the use of fever reducing medication **AND**
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath)

Note: A COVID-19 positive individual does not need a repeat COVID test or a doctor's note to return to school.

¹ <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>
² <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Symptoms-Testing.aspx>
³ <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
⁵ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>