

Protocols for responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in School or Community Settings

***Definition of close contact:** only those who have been within 6 feet of the distance of the individual for at least 15 minutes, while the person was infectious (2 days prior to symptom starting for the positive individual)

*Upon testing positive your local board of health or contact tracer will contact you, please be sure to answer the phone call

*For testing a **PCR test** should be performed

Scenario	Isolation	When can return
Student/staff test positive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student/staff must isolate for a minimum of 10 days 2. Inform close contacts 3. The household family should be tested and quarantine x 14 days from the day of the start of symptoms for the positive student 4. Local Board of health/contact tracer will contact family/individual 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Fever x 24 hrs with no fever-reducing medication 2. Improvement in other symptoms (ie. cough is greatly improved) 3. Received clearance from Public Health authority contact tracers (local board of health)
The student/staff is a close contact of a positive individual	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student/staff should be tested 4-5 days after last exposure to positive individual 2. Household family needs to quarantine until the result is known 3. The close contact individual needs to quarantine for 14 days from last exposure to a positive individual 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Close contact individual needs to quarantine for 14 days after exposure regardless of the test result 2. Once the test result is known, if negative the rest of the family can stop quarantine
Scenario	Isolation	When can return

<p>Student/Staff presents with COVID like symptoms and choose <u>not to be tested</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student/Staff must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 10 days after the start of symptoms 2. Symptoms must improve 3. No fever x 24 hrs with no fever-reducing medication
<p>Students/Staff is symptomatic</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student/staff must be tested 2. The individual stays home until test results 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upon negative test and 24 hrs with no fever (no fever-reducing agents) 2. Improvement of symptoms 3. If positive follow the above guidelines
<p>Student/Staff is symptomatic and stays home or sent home</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student/Staff should be tested 2. The household family should quarantine until the result is known 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upon negative test: family may end the quarantine 2. Pending student/staff result follow the above guidelines

***Please communicate with your school nurse regarding your student status and health as things come up**

Local Testing sites:

1. South Shore Medical Center Drive-up: 781-681-0365 (call to make an appointment)
2. Carewell Urgent Care, Norwell: (walk-in only, no appointments)
3. Convenient MD Urgent Care, Pembroke: (call 833-263-0131 or pre-registration online)
4. The COVID-19 Testing Site Map:
<https://memamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=eba3f0395451430b9f631cb095febf13>

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