

DOH COVID Protocol Updates

March 8, 2022

REQUIRED ACTIONS

- Employee vaccination or exemption on file
- Exclusion of people with symptoms
- Isolation of people with COVID
- Notifying groups or individuals of potential exposures
- Access to diagnostic testing
- Reporting of cases, outbreaks
- Responding to outbreaks
- Masks still required in nurse/health room and isolation rooms

More Details on Required Actions

- Exclusion of students and staff with symptoms of COVID-19 with testing recommended.
 - If no test, students or staff must stay home for 10 days.
 - If tested and negative, students/staff may return 24 hours after fever or improved symptoms.
 - If tested and positive, students/staff may return to school on Day 6 if:
 - Their symptoms have improved or they are asymptomatic *as verified by school nurse, and*
 - They are without a fever for the past 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medications, and *recommended...*
 - *masks on days 6-10 or negative test before returning. No testing required after Day 10.*
- Isolation of students/staff with symptoms must be in a space not used for general medical use at schools. Staff working with students with symptoms are required to wear masks.
- Notification of close contact or potential exposure must be made directly to all identified staff and medically fragile or immunocompromised students. General notification can be made to students/parents through website dashboards, text or email, or newsletter.
- Schools must provide access to required testing or arrange for students and staff to access testing in a community-based site.
- School districts are required to report all positive COVID results to DOH and NETCHD.
- School districts will respond to outbreaks in a manner determined by NETCHD which is much like any other disease outbreak scenario and could include shut-downs or mask requirements.
- Masks are still required in a health room or isolation room for students testing positive as these are considered health care settings.