

# COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS

## DECISION TREE FOR STUDENTS

References include the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Madison County School District.

**Absences for Covid-19 issues will not be counted against the student's attendance record.**

**Parents will be notified by school personnel if a student or staff member in their child's class, group, or team has been diagnosed with Covid-19.**

### Definitions

**Close contact:** Exposure that is less than six feet for more than 15 minutes, cumulative in the day.

**Quarantine:** Staying away from all people as much as possible.

**Concentration of cases:** Three or more cases within any group, class, or team. In the event of a concentration of cases, all group members should quarantine for 14 days.

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### Parent notifies school that student has tested positive for COVID-19

Return to school after:

- Quarantine at home for 10 calendar days from date of onset of symptoms, **and**
- Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, **and**
- Decrease in symptoms

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### At Home Procedure: Parent notifies the school that student has COVID-19 symptoms

Student should be tested for Covid 19.

#### Negative Test Result

Return to school after:

- Quarantine at home until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, **and**
- Decrease in symptoms

#### Positive Test Result

Return to school after:

- Quarantine for 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms, **and**
- Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, **and**
- Decrease in symptoms

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### **At School Procedure: Student notifies school staff that he/she has COVID-19 symptoms.**

Student notifies staff member and is taken to the sick room on campus for temperature check. Parents will be notified and contacted to pick up student. Student should be tested for COVID-19.

#### **Negative Test Result**

Return to school after:

- Quarantine at home until fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, **and**
- Decrease in symptoms

#### **Positive Test Result**

Return to school after:

- Quarantine at home for 10 days from date of onset of symptoms, **and**
- Fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, **and**
- Decrease in symptoms

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### **Student/parent reports that student has had close contact with a COVID-19 patient, or student is identified as a close contact of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case at school.**

Student must quarantine at home for 14 days\*. Testing for COVID-19 is recommended. Student may return to school after the 14 days provided the student experienced no symptoms of illness during quarantine.

\*Early Return Options:

1) Students who present a Negative RT-PCR test result to school officials and have had zero symptoms during daily monitoring may return to school on day eight of quarantine. The RT-PCR test must be taken on or after day five of quarantine. This early return option is not applicable for students who are quarantined due to a concentration of cases.

2) Students who have had zero symptoms during daily monitoring in quarantine may return to school on day 11 without testing. This option does apply for those quarantined due to a concentration of cases.

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### **Concentration of cases**

If a class, group, or team of students has three or more cases of COVID-19, the entire class, group, or team must quarantine at home for 14 days.