



Elmore County COVID-19 Protocol

SCHOOL ROLE: Per our notifiable disease rule, the Healthcare Provider, school nurse, or principal should immediately report COVID-19 positives or suspects to Public Health using the online ADPH Report Card. <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/healthcare.html>

STEP ONE: Positive or suspected positive student/staff will be isolated from others in a pre-designated COVID-19 room and sent home.

IF STUDENT/STAFF TESTS POSITIVE:

Student/staff must isolate for 5 days, with 1 day (24 hours) of recovery without fever or fever reducing medications and improvement of symptoms. All students/staff returning to school after a positive diagnosis are expected to wear a mask for five days after return.

IF STUDENT/STAFF IS SYMPTOMATIC:

Student/staff must isolate until alternative diagnosis/negative test can be provided to the school nurse OR must isolate for 5 days, with 1 day (24 hours) of recovery without fever or fever reducing medications and improvement of symptoms. All symptomatic students/staff returning to school after being symptomatic should wear a mask for five days after return, unless they have a negative COVID test/alternative diagnosis.

STEP TWO: Once we have been notified of a COVID-19 positive student or staff member we will notify close contacts. The following apply to close contacts:

- If COVID-19 positive is confirmed, the school nurse/teacher/school representative will advise the class/close contacts to wear a mask for 10 days from exposure (3rd grade-12th grade and all employees) and monitor for symptoms closely. The close contact will only be expected to isolate at home if they become symptomatic.
- Students who are close contacts to someone in their home who tested positive for COVID and are unable to do the following:
 - Self-isolate from COVID positive family member;
 - Are not vaccinated/unable to be vaccinated due to age/choose not to share vaccination statusWill be considered a close contact that must follow the isolation rules for a symptomatic student (see 2nd blue box above).
- Notification to classes/close contacts will be made by Remind, Email, written notice or telephone calls. The school will use its existing process to notify parents/guardians that an exposure has occurred. Confidentiality and privacy must be maintained.

STEP THREE: Report to Alabama Department of Public Health

- The school nurse shall report the positive or suspected case using the ADPH online COVID-19 Report Card. <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/healthcare.html>
- Information provided for the ADPH online COVID-19 Report Card includes the list of students in the classroom, staff names, guardians for the students and telephone numbers. Seating charts for bus and classroom may be uploaded in the ADPH online COVID-19 Report Card.

STEP FOUR: Cleaning and Disinfecting Areas

- The schools are cleaned regularly and sprayed several times a day with disinfectant spray.
- A COVID-19 positive case in a classroom alerts the custodial staff to disinfect the classroom after the students have left for the day.