



Cook County Schools COVID-19 Guidelines

2021-2022


Preventive Practices

<p>Practicing Prevention</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ecovasive cleaning will be completed every 90 days.• Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing, covering coughs, and wearing face masks (strongly encouraged).• Provide hand soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, and no-touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms, and frequently trafficked areas.• Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects after use.• Students are required to bring their own water bottles. No water bottles will be provided during the school day. Water bottles may be refilled as needed at school.• Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, as long as this does not pose a safety or health risk to students or staff.
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Transporting Students


<p>School Bus Safety</p> 	<p><i>Bus Drivers and Monitors</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All drivers and monitors are strongly encouraged to wear face masks and gloves at all times.• Clean and disinfect the bus before pick-up and after drop-off.• Keep bus windows open for proper ventilation, weather permitting.• Issue hand sanitizer. <p><i>Students</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students are strongly encouraged to wear face masks at all times before, during, and after the bus ride.• Sanitize hands before entering the bus.
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Entering and Exiting School Buildings

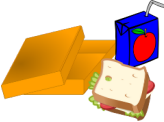
<p>School Day Protocols</p> 	<p><i>Visitors (including Parents)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitors will be permitted to enter the campus when formally approved by school administration.• Campus access shall only be permitted through the front office.• Face masks are strongly encouraged for visitors.• Visitors must undergo standard sign-in protocols, including temperature checks.
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<p>School Day Protocols</p> 	<p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face masks are strongly encouraged.• Temperatures will be checked daily upon arrival• Hallways and high-touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the school day. <p>End of School Day Dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students must sanitize their hands before boarding school buses.• Students involved in extracurricular activities must report directly to their assigned area.
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Serving Meals

<p>Breakfast and Lunch</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students are strongly encouraged to wear face masks in the cafeteria except while eating.• Students must not share food or utensils.• Cafeterias and high-touch surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the school day.
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Safety Protocols

<p>Safety Protocols</p>  <p><small>publicschools.org</small></p>	<p>Sick Person or Positive Cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administrators will immediately notify the Director of Student Services.• The Director of Student Services will notify the local health officials.• These officials will coordinate with the Director of Student Services to determine a course of action for the classroom and/or school.• Anyone in class with an affected person and directly exposed (within 6 feet for 15 continuous or cumulative minutes) will be segregated by remaining in place or brought into an isolation area.• Anyone directly exposed to someone positive for COVID-19 will not be required to self-quarantine as long as they do not display symptoms; however, they must self-monitor, wear a face mask, and have regular temperature checks for 10 days. Those who refuse to follow these protocols must remain at home for 10 days.• The school office will inform parents of those students affected and update them regarding any changes in conditions.
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Special Populations

<p>Program for Exceptional Students</p> 	<p><i>Special Education</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IEPs will remain in place. <p><i>Section 504</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodations will remain in place regardless of instructional setting.
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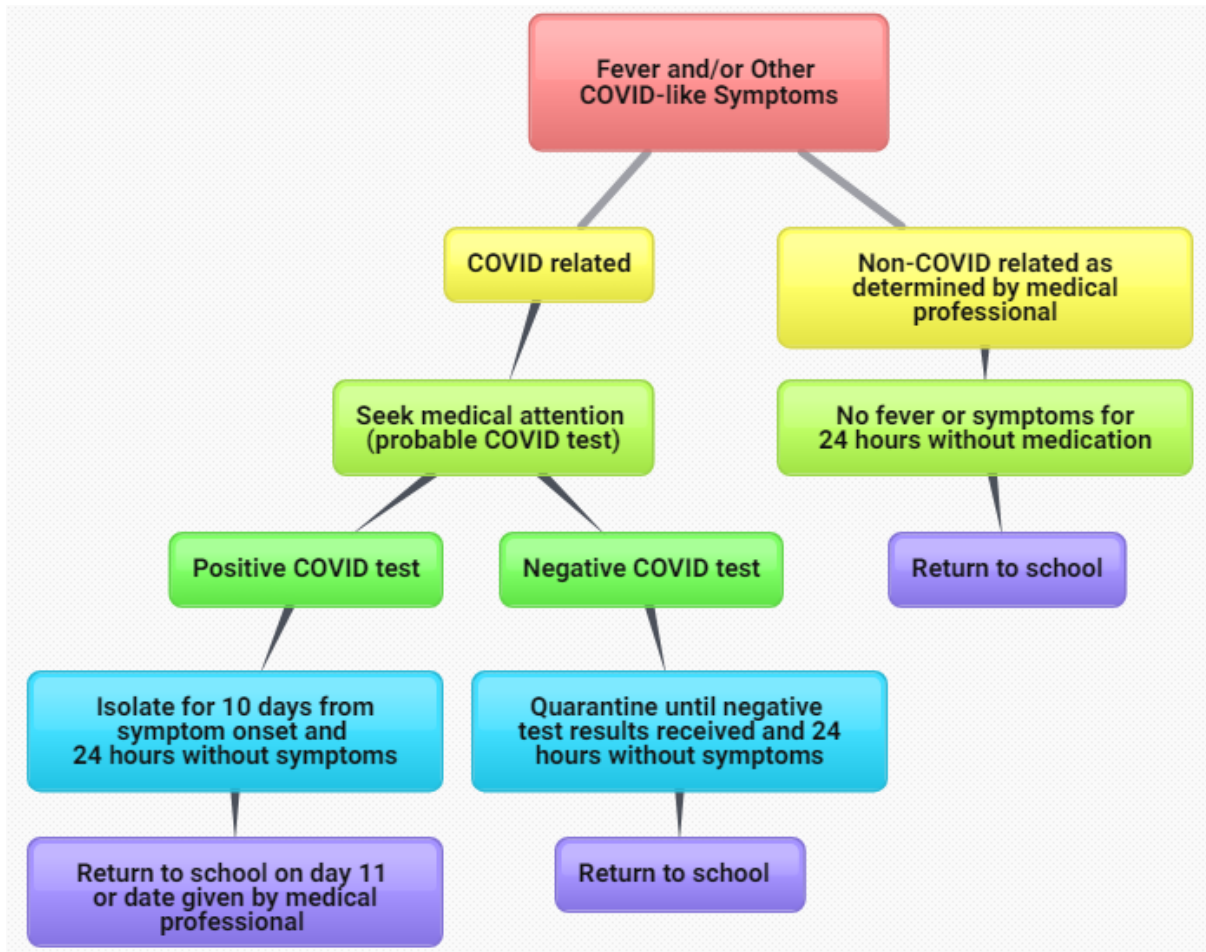
Conducting Large Group Gatherings

<p>Fine Arts, P.E., Clubs, Recess, Media Centers, Athletics, etc.</p> 	<p><i>Media Centers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Media centers will be open for normal classroom activities and general browsing.• All books will be disinfected upon return in accordance with government guidelines. <p><i>Recess, Afterschool Clubs, Band, Art, Chorus, etc.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will be required to bring refillable bottles for water.• Water fountains will be equipped with gooseneck faucets to refill bottles.• Students must not share water bottles. <p><i>Athletics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guidelines are implemented for the protection of all athletes, coaches, athletic training and other medical personnel, and affiliated support staff in accordance with current Governor's Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Georgia High School Association (GHS) guidelines and policies. <p>Links to GHS information:</p> <p>https://www.ghsa.net/</p> <p>https://www.ghsa.net/infectious-disease-plan-information</p>
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Flowchart



Symptoms

Chills, Fatigue, Headache, Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea, New Loss of Taste or Smell, Cough, Sore Throat, Difficulty Breathing, Shortness of Breath, Feeling Feverish, Fever above 100.4, Muscle or Body Aches, Congestion, Runny Nose

Return Guidelines

*If you are tested for COVID-19, you must stay home until test results are received.

-Negative results: Return to work/school.

-Positive results with no symptoms: Quarantine for 10 days from day of test. Return on day 11.

-Positive results with symptoms: Isolate for 10 days from symptom onset and 24 hours without symptoms. Return on day 11 or date assigned by a medical professional.

*If you are unvaccinated and someone in your household is tested for COVID-19, you must stay home until their results are received.

-Negative results: Return to work/school.

-Positive results: Quarantine for 10 days from day of test. Return on day 11.

*If you are exposed to COVID-19, you may continue to come to work/school unless you experience symptoms.

*If you are vaccinated, you are not required to quarantine unless you experience COVID-like symptoms.