



Ada City Schools Guidelines and Procedures for Returning to School

The following will be the policy of the Ada City School District for any student, teacher, or staff member who exhibits a respiratory illness, is diagnosed with, or tests positive for the following:

- **For Flu and RSV** - The student, teacher, or staff member WILL NOT be allowed to attend school, or school activities, for a minimum of 48 hours from the time of such diagnosis, or positive test result. If a physician's note calls for more or less than a 48 hour exclusion from school, then the physician's note will take precedence. In order to return to school, the student must have been fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications
- **For STREP** - The student may return to school once they've been on antibiotics for a full 24 hours from the first dose, and will need a physician's note. If the physician's note calls for more than 24 hours, the physician's note will take precedence.
- **For POSITIVE COVID-19 cases** - The student, teacher, or staff member WILL NOT be allowed to attend school, or school activities, and will be in isolation for a minimum of 5 days. If testing is refused they will need to isolate for a minimum of 5 days from the date symptoms began. During this time, the student will become a distance learner according to district procedures. **It is important to note that testing is vital to identify those you may have exposed.** In order to return to school after 5 days, the student must have been fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications AND symptoms must be significantly improving or fully resolved. *If fever is present, continue to stay home until it has fully resolved for at least 24 hours.*
- **For COVID-19 EXPOSURE** - If exposed to a positive person, the quarantine recommendation is 5 days from the LAST exposure to the positive person. Ada City Schools does offer free Covid-19 testing for anyone who requests this.
- **NEGATIVE for all listed above** - If the student, teacher, or staff member is cleared by a physician, or tests negative for any of the above illnesses, they may return to school only after the following conditions have been met: the student must have been fever free for *at least* 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications AND symptoms must be significantly improving or fully resolved. If a physician's note calls for more or less than a 24-hour exclusion from school, then the physician's note will take precedence. **Please note that the student may only return to school 24 hours after these conditions have been met, not 24 hours after being sent home from school. This typically means that the student will need to stay home for at least one entire school day following the day that he or she is sent home.**