

Return to Learn Plan Quarantine, Contact Tracing and Onsite Testing Protocols for 2021 -22

Here at Stark County CUSD #100, we are proud to have successfully completed the 2020-21 school year with full in-person learning. As we enter the 2021-22 school year, we want to offer as many options as possible to keep our students in school, while allowing parents autonomy regarding specific health decisions. To ensure everyone's safety, we are still required to follow the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines when a student exhibits COVID symptoms. If a student is showing COVID symptoms, IDPH guidelines require us to:

- 1) Isolate the student (and household members) who is showing COVID symptoms
- 2) Quarantine any "close contacts", to a confirmed or probable positive COVID-19 case.

Pending final board, IDPH and EOM approval, Stark County #100 is excited to offer a Rapid COVID BinaxNOW Testing Program through our local Emergency Management Agency. This testing program would allow our nurses to administer rapid COVID BinaxNOW tests at school and use the test results to offer a "Test to Stay" option for close contacts. (See both isolation and quarantine options below.)

In order for your student(s) to participate in the "Test to Stay" program, a parent/guardian must sign and return the enclosed permission form. NOTE: The Rapid COVID BinaxNOW Test will only be administered if your student is showing COVID symptoms, and it will be used to help determine if the symptoms your student is showing are COVID related. It will not be used as a random screening test for students. Parents/guardians will be notified before any COVID test is administered to a student.

Options for Unvaccinated Students and Staff who are close contacts per IDPH Guidelines:

Option 2: Quarantine for 10 calendar days after the close contact's last exposure to the COVID-19 case, as long as the individual remains symptom free. SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing is recommended.

Option 3: Quarantine for 7 calendar days after last exposure if no symptoms develop during daily monitoring AND the individual has a negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test collected with 48 hours of exposure day 7 (starting on day 6 or after).

Option 4: Test to Stay Strategy – Close contacts are permitted to stay in the classroom as long as the results of the rapid test (administered at school by nurses) is negative. The individual is required to be tested on days one, three, five, and seven from date of exposure.

- Test to Stay is only applicable when both the COVID-19-confirmed case and close contact were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks.
- Test to Stay may not be used for household exposures.
- If at any time the student tests positive or becomes symptomatic, they should be immediately isolated and sent home, and the local health department notified.

Options for Individuals Exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms:

Option A: Individual exhibits COVID-19 symptoms. Individual and household siblings can self-isolate for 10 days.

Option B: Individual exhibits COVID-19 symptoms. Individual receives negative COVID-19 test results, administered outside of school. Household siblings can return to school. Individual returns when symptoms have improved.

Option C: Individual exhibits COVID-19 symptoms. Individual receives an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider. Household siblings can return to school. Individual returns when symptoms have improved.

Option D: Individual exhibits COVID-19 symptoms. Individual receives Rapid COVID Test (administered at school by nurses) and tests negative. Household siblings can remain at school. Individual can return next day if symptoms improved. If symptoms persist, needs RT-PCR COVID Test to return to school.