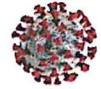


Meriwether County School District

Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts



COVID-19 SCREENING GUIDELINES/DECISION MATRIX 2020-2021

guidelines are subject to change

1

NO DIRECT EXPOSURE* NO SYMPTOMS

(No signs of COVID-19 via temp checks, self-reporting, or signs/symptoms)
The student/staff will need to come to school or work.

2

DIRECT EXPOSURE* NO SYMPTOMS

(Came in close contact or interacted with a confirmed case of COVID-19 - experiencing *no symptoms*)

Student/Staff can return to School or Work after:

- If the student/staff fall into this category and is tested for COVID-19 during the 14 days quarantine period, a negative test would not change or decrease the student/staff quarantine period.
- If the student/staff test positive it would move them into one of the categories below. The determination is based on if the student/staff develops symptoms or is asymptomatic (no symptom).

3

DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19* NO SYMPTOMS (ASYMPTOMATIC)

(Laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 but experiencing no symptoms)

NOT Severely Immunocompromised

Student/Staff can return to School or Work after:

- At least 10 days have passed since the positive laboratory test result and student/staff remains asymptomatic

Severely Immunocompromised

Student/Staff can return to School or Work after:

- At least 10 days have passed since the positive laboratory test result and student/staff remains asymptomatic

NOTE: Student/Staff with no symptoms (asymptomatic) who test positive and later develops symptoms should follow the guidance for a symptomatic person see # 4 and # 5 below.

4

DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19* WITH SYMPTOMS

Symptomatic person with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19)

Mild or Moderate Illness – NOT Severely Immunocompromised

Student/Staff can return to School or Work after:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication AND Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved.
- Who had severe to critical illness (if they were hospitalized for shortness of breath, pneumonia, low oxygen levels, respiratory failure, septic shock, and/or multiple organ - failure)

Severely Immunocompromised

Student/Staff can return to School or Work after:

- At least 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

5

DIRECT EXPOSURE* - AT LEAST 1 SYMPTOM

(Came in close contact or interacted with a confirmed case of COVID-19- experiencing at least (1) symptom)

Mild or Moderate Illness – NOT Severely Immunocompromised

Student/Staff can return to School or Work after:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared and at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medication AND Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved.
- Who had severe to critical illness (if they were hospitalized for shortness of breath, pneumonia, low oxygen levels, respiratory failure, septic shock, and/or multiple organ - failure)

Severely Immunocompromised

Student/Staff can return to School or Work after:

- At least 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

Recommendation: If the student/Staff is a close contact of a positive case and develops symptoms they should be tested.