

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

RENWICK USD 267

When a student or employee should stay home from school:



Students, children, and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without other obvious explanations are prohibited from coming to school or childcare, and if they do come in, they will be sent home immediately. Please familiarize yourselves with the symptoms of COVID-19 based on KDHE guidance. The current known symptoms are:

Fever (100 degrees F or higher)

Chills

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

New loss of taste or smell

Diarrhea, abdominal pain, or vomiting

Sore throat

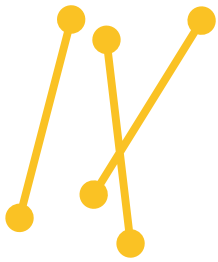
Congestion or runny nose

Muscle or body aches

Fatigue

Headache

When a student or employee has tested positive for COVID:



- The parent **MUST** notify the school of the positive result. If an employee has tested positive, the employee must notify the school.
- COVID positive students and employees must be excluded from school for 10 calendar days since symptoms first appeared and remain fever-free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, whichever is longer.
- When the school receives the result, they **should immediately report it to the Sedgwick County Health Department.**
- A student or employee who has been tested for COVID and is awaiting test results **must be excluded and stay home until results are available..**

Other students and employees in the household of a positive case or who has been exposed to a known case of COVID-19



- If a student, or employee is excluded from school because of a positive COVID-19 test, other students, children, and employees living in the same household are considered close contacts and will be excluded from school for a mandatory 14-day quarantine period, which begins after their last exposure to the **“case” (person who tested positive) they should also get tested for COVID-19 5-7 days after exposure.**
- If the household contacts continue to live in the same household as the case while the case is in isolation, the 14-day quarantine period for household contacts begins once the case is released from isolation by Public Health
- If a student or employee has otherwise been identified to be a close contact to a confirmed case, **they must be excluded from school for a mandatory 14-day quarantine period. They should also get tested for COVID-19 5-7 days after exposure.**



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SCHOOL RESPONSE TO A CASE OF COVID-19

Notify the Sedgwick County Health Department of any positive students or employees.

Call the Sedgwick County Epidemiology Hotline: 316-660-5555

Clean and disinfect



As soon as the school facility becomes aware of a student or employee that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 disease, the custodial staff will be informed so that all desks, lockers and workspaces of the person are thoroughly disinfected. If the facility is not open when notification occurs, the custodial staff will wait 24 hours or as long as possible prior to disinfecting and instead will block off the area so that others do not have contact. However, if that is not possible or school is in session, the cleaning will occur immediately.

Develop a list of close contacts



- After reporting the positive case to the Sedgwick County Health Department,, school staff will immediately begin compiling a list of close contacts, including names, email addresses and phone numbers. Consider the two days prior to when the case started having symptoms or if the case was asymptomatic, the two days prior to the date the sample was collected. Identify anyone who would have been within 6 feet for 10 minutes or more or would have had direct contact with secretions.
- Work with Health Department staff: School staff will work with Sedgwick County Health Department epidemiologists to identify these close contacts. A list of close contacts will be provided to the SCHD along with contact information.
- Guardians of students who have been identified as close contacts and any staff identified as close contacts **should be informed immediately.**
- Identified close contacts must immediately start a mandatory 14-day quarantine beginning the day after the last contact with the case. **They should also get tested 5-7 days after exposure.**

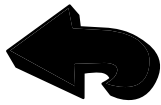


Notify parents, students and employees

The school will contact parents/student/employees and notify them that a person who tested positive for COVID-19 was in the building and encourage cooperation with the school facility and the local health department to trace contacts with the individual. The individual who tested positive will not be identified in communications to the school community at large.



RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER EXCLUSION



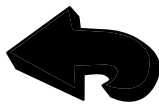
Untested, with symptoms: Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of SARS CoV-2. The virus that causes COVID-19, but experience symptoms, may return if the following conditions are met:

- Ten calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- Fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, whichever is longer



Positive result: Positive cases may return if the following conditions are met:

- Ten calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- Fever free for 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, whichever is longer
- If asymptomatic (no symptoms), cases may return if ten calendar days have passed since the date the sample was collected and no symptoms have developed



Negative result:

- People who are identified as close contacts of a COVID-19 case or have travelled from a location on the KDHE Travel-related Quarantine list must be quarantined for 14 days.
- A negative test result within the 14-day quarantine period **does not affect the quarantine period and the person must finish their 14-day quarantine.**
- People who have not been identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 case and have not traveled from a location on the KDHE Travel-related Quarantine List may return to work/school.



Tested and awaiting results:

- Persons who are suspected of having COVID-19 disease and are awaiting test results should be isolated at home until test results are received.
- Once results come back, follow the corresponding instructions above for a positive or negative result.

Important Definitions

A case of COVID-19: A person is considered a case of COVID-19 disease if they have tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus by a diagnostic test (PCR or antigen).

Infectious period: Based on what we currently know, a case is considered infectious two days prior to the onset of symptoms through 10 days after the onset of symptoms. For cases that do not have symptoms, the infectious period is considered as two days prior to the date the sample was collected through a minimum of 10 days from the date the sample was collected.

Close contact: A person is considered a close contact of a case if they were within 6 feet of the case for 10 minutes or more or if they had exposure to secretions (for example, being coughed or sneezed on).