

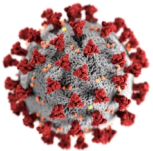


## When and for how long should my child stay home from school? What can/should my child do while at home for that time frame?

MBCS is committed to helping families navigate their child's education through the complication of sickness, home isolations, quarantines, closures, and the like, whether fully voluntary (i.e. not required by the items listed below), out of other circumstances not listed here but still requiring at home time for the sake of school/personal safety, or in alignment with the expectations given here. Responses and availability may fluctuate depending on the circumstances, and direct communication with our office is always the best policy for the sake of everyone's interests. We are careful with information that is shared, but also dedicated to clear, transparent bulletins as needed. Please review the following and let us know if any of the following arise:



If your child is sick with cough, headache, congestion, fever, sore throat, nausea, rash, diarrhea, or any other symptom of communicable disease (cold, flu, coronavirus, strep throat, pink eye, etc.), they should definitely stay home until 24hrs symptom/fever free (for covid see below). An email to [info@mbcsonline.org](mailto:info@mbcsonline.org) or call/voicemail to the office will help us know how to support you with prayer, and with sending home work/assignments, etc. as needed or possible. Students at home or away for any reason can tune into morning pledges/announcements every day at 8:30AM through zoom (809-495-2318 as ID and MBCS as password).



If your child tests positive for covid through any means (at home, doctor, drive through clinic, etc.), please notify us in the office right away and plan to stay home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, including at least 3 days fever free. No confirmatory negative testing is needed after that period. If electing to, and testing negative after 7 days, contact the office to approve an earlier return date. For asymptomatic cases with positive test results, we will need to communicate about circumstances of exposure, timing of testing, and other such factors to try to time return to school, otherwise, 10 days from the test is best.



If you feel the need to get a covid test for your child for any reason, it is imperative that you have them stay out of school until results are confirmed (positive/negative). This is one of the main reasons we want to provide or direct you to rapid result testing as much as possible, but we also respect that some prefer the reliability of the PCR measure. Either way, it is important to note that covid is typically undetectable by any test until days after exposure or initial contact with the virus. So there may be a period of waiting before even taking a test, depending on exposure information (see below). Otherwise, *please notify us of results!*



Exposure, especially in the household, to others (within 6ft for more than 15 min) who are sick should mean staying home. If anyone in the household is presumed to have covid, awaiting a covid test result, or has a positive test for covid, please also keep your child home. The duration of that stay will depend on a number of factors, and we'd love to help coordinate the fastest return possible with you by contacting our office. For those with multiple children in school, if one gets covid, the other may return to school along with them (after the 10 days mentioned above) without additional periods of their own, assuming they are not sick.

As long as we have some contact from you, teachers can quickly gather materials to be picked up at the end of a school day for whatever duration may be needed. 3rd-8th grade students have almost all of their curriculum and assignments in their online system ([mbcs.ignitiaschools.com](http://mbcs.ignitiaschools.com)) and they receive daily messages there from teachers helping them to interpret the flow of classwork. Otherwise, school pacing plan for one assignment per subject (Bible, English, Math, Science, History) per day in general. Virtual connections can be facilitated through the regularly updated schedule on the school website at [mbcsonline.org/eagle-life/virtual-schedule-info](http://mbcsonline.org/eagle-life/virtual-schedule-info) which includes special Friday information depending on the week.