



Iowa County Schools COVID-19 Response Protocol

Everyone plays a role in prevention



Practice social distancing



Wash hands or sanitize often



Wear a mask or face covering

Student or staff member has **ONE** of the following **NEW symptoms**

- New or worsening cough
- Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell

Student or staff member has **TWO** of the following **new symptoms**: Chills, headache, muscle pain, nausea, sore throat, runny nose/congestion, unusual fatigue

Student or staff member is **asymptomatic and has been in close contact** (within six feet for 15 minutes or more) with someone who is COVID-19 positive

1. Student or staff should **stay/go home from school**
 2. **If student /staff becomes ill at school, they should be sent home immediately, along with any other household member in the district.**
 3. **Alert the school office**
 4. **Consider COVID-19 testing** through a healthcare provider or free testing site
- Current information regarding free testing sites is available at Wisconsin 211

Alert the school office

While waiting for test results, remain in isolation at home

No test performed and no doctor visit	Positive test	Negative test or alternative diagnosis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolate at home for ten days AND • Until fever-free for 24 hours AND • Until symptoms are improving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolate at home for ten days AND • Until fever-free for 24 hours AND • Until symptoms are improving • Health department to follow up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school when fever-free for 24 hours AND • Symptoms are improving • If diagnosed with another illness, refer to the WI Childhood Communicable Diseases Chart, available online

A known close contact (within six feet for 15 minutes or more) **must complete a 14-day quarantine, even if a test result is negative**

Stay home until 14 days after last exposure, check temperatures twice a day and monitor for symptoms

Contact a healthcare provider if symptoms arise

Safe return to school!



Iowa County Schools COVID-19 Response Protocol Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know an exposure has occurred?

Exposure occurs when an individual has been in close contact (six feet for 15 minutes or more) with someone who is COVID-19 positive. The 15 minute time period is cumulative so it may be for five minutes at a time, three times during the day.

What is the difference between isolation and quarantine?

Isolation keeps someone who ***is sick or has tested positive*** for COVID-19 without symptoms away from others, even in their own home.

Quarantine keeps someone who was ***in close contact*** with a known COVID-19 case away from others, even in their own home.

What follow-up will occur once isolation or quarantine guidelines are put in place?

In the event of a positive case related to the school setting, the local health department will assist in identifying and communicating with close contacts and potentially exposed individuals, assist individuals with navigating testing options and opportunities and provide education on COVID-19, including quarantine, isolation and self-monitoring of symptoms.

What is contact tracing?

Contact tracing is used by health departments to prevent the spread of infectious disease. In general, contact tracing involves identifying individuals who have an infectious disease (cases) and people who they came in contact with (contacts) and working with them to interrupt disease spread.

What is a “household contact?”

A household contact includes anyone who lives, or lived temporarily, with the COVID-19 case patient for at least one night in the same room or household during their infectious period. Because of the amount of time and space shared between household contacts, household contacts are at greater risk of infection.

What if I am “re-exposed” to COVID-19?

Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 12 weeks and have since recovered and remain asymptomatic will not be required to quarantine or retest. If new symptoms consistent with COVID-19 develop, the individual will be required to quarantine for 14 days and should be clinically evaluated as appropriate.

Resources

211 Wisconsin is a free, confidential service that connect you with food and nutrition programs, housing and utilities assistance, mental health and harmful substance use services, financial and employment assistance. Call 211 or 877-947-2211 or message TextWithUs to 66746.