



COVID-19 Health and Safety Resources

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COVID-19 Response Team

The COVID-19 Response Team supports the district's response to individual COVID-19 cases among staff and students. DPS must notify the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) of COVID-19 cases in order to support contact tracing while respecting personal health information. The COVID-19 Response Team works closely with DPS Nursing and Student Health Services supports the notification process and takes the load off of school leaders and other staff. **If you have a positive case to report, please reach out to your school.**

COVID-19 Screening Guidance for Students

We ask that parents ensure that their students are healthy and well before arriving at school.

Daily Symptom Screening Process

The student or parent/guardian must show school team members that they did an at-home screening using either the [Student Safe Access COVID-19 screening tool](#) (please check with your school to see if they are using this tool) or the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) paper instructions listed below before entering a school building or school activity site. This is different for ECE and child care -- for ECE screening resources, [click here](#).

Can I Go to School Today?

Parents/guardians are responsible for making sure that their students are safe and healthy before arriving at school. Students and parents/guardians should screen their students for symptoms before they arrive in-person and temperatures should be taken at home if possible. At-home screening can be completed by a student and/or parent/guardian **at home** using paper instructions from [CDPHE](#). To find out Denver's current COVID-19 status, [click here](#).

Click the links below for at-home screening instructions in different languages:



Students who do not pass their at-home screening should stay home and NOT come to school. If you student fails a health screening, please call the attendance line at school, notifying the school of illness. Do **not** notify Nursing & Student Health Services of a failed screen.

When a student arrives at school, they may also be screened for symptoms. School staff may decide to take a student’s temperature.

Arriving at School

When a parent/guardian brings their student to school, a school team member will ask the student or parent/guardian if they have completed an at-home screening.

If the answer is “YES”	If the answer is “NO”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A documentation log is not required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The student will start the at-school screening process. At-school screening is also for those who feel unwell during the school day. School staff will need to take a student’s temperature as part of this screening process.

School leaders may choose to use a combination of at-home and at-school screening for students, and may also choose to do temperature checks as students enter the building to accompany screening that took place at home. Staff will [follow instructions](#) on how to accurately take a temperature using a touchless thermometer to prevent inaccurate readings.

Failed Screenings and Sick Students

If a student reports symptoms during their screening or if during the course of their day, experiences any symptoms of illness described on the screening tool, they must:

1. Inform their teacher
2. Be isolated from other students and staff until picked up

Office staff will contact a parent/guardian to pick the student up. A failed screen does not indicate COVID-19.



School-Based Health Centers

Please do not notify Nursing & Student Health Services of a failed screen. A failed screen does NOT mean that the student has COVID-19. A school adult or the parent/guardian may schedule a school-based health center telemedicine appointment for free care for any DPS student (including students enrolled in charter schools).

Contact School-Based Health Centers for a free health appointment!



Phone: 303-602-8958

What Happens if My Student is Sick?

Students who are sick are not eligible to participate in in-person activities. Students who have been sent home due to illness are required to stay home and are not allowed to return until they meet current return to activity protocols established by federal, state and local government and health authorities.

Returning to School After a Positive COVID-19 Test

No fever for 24 hours
(that is one full day of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers)

AND
→

Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)

AND
→

At least 10 days have passed since any symptoms first appeared **or** since the date of testing **if asymptomatic**

Returning to school after No COVID-19 Test

Symptoms resolved within 24 hrs of onset (without medicine)

OR
→

Your symptoms lasted more than two days AND its been at least 10 days since symptoms appeared, AND symptoms are resolving, AND no fever for 24 hrs (without medicine)

OR
→

There is a known alternate medical diagnosis from a medical provider (i.e., chronic condition, allergies, asthma, or other)



A school adult or the parent/guardian also have the option to initiate a school-based health center telemedicine appointment 303-602-8958.

Returning to school after Negative COVID-19 Test

May return after:

No fever for 24 hrs
(without medication)
AND no symptoms

AND
→

There is a **documented alternate medical diagnosis** from a medical provider (i.e., chronic condition or other) In accordance with CDPHE Guidance.

What happens if my student is exposed to someone with COVID-19?

Students who have been in close contact with someone that is **confirmed COVID-19 positive**, or have been in close contact* to someone who has been told by a medical provider that they have "probable COVID-19" may return to activities after staying home for 14 days from your last contact with a person who has COVID-19 and are not showing symptoms. Reach out to your health provider or make an appointment with a [school-based health center](#) if you have personal health questions or concerns

Watch for fever (100.4°F or higher), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19, and always wear a mask and social distance.

Definition of a close contact

Someone who was in one or more of these situations:

- Was within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 (even if they did not have symptoms) for at least 15 minutes total.
- Provided care for someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- Was a household contact of someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- Had direct physical contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- Shared eating or drinking utensils with someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- Has been exposed to respiratory droplets from someone who is sick with COVID-19 (through sneezing, coughing, shouting, etc.)



- Was in the same class/cohort as a person with COVID-19.

ECE Student Health Screening Log

This screening tool is intended for Early Childhood Education team members and families to screen students for symptoms at home and temperature checks done at school. Access the English and Spanish versions:

ENGLISH

ESPAÑOL

What Happens When A Staff or Student Has a Positive COVID-19 Case

We take the following steps when a staff member or student report that they are positive for COVID-19:

- The school will immediately contact the District's COVID-19 Response Team to report the positive COVID-19 test result.
- The District's COVID-19 Response Team will support the school with tracking the disease or outbreak. The District's COVID-19 Response Team will notify public health officials, assist the school reporter in identifying close contacts within the school building, support the school reporter in acting on public health guidance for quarantines and request letters on behalf of the school community to be distributed as required, to the school community regarding the positive case.
- [Close contacts](#)* will receive public health guidance from their school. Cohorts that are quarantined will continue their learning virtually.
- The District's Facilities Management will handle additional cleaning needs.
- Impacted staff and students will be able to return to in-person learning upon the end of their assigned quarantine if they are not showing symptoms.

