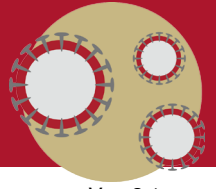




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HOW DO WE DETERMINE WHEN A STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE SHOULD BE QUARANTINED?

Students and employees will be asked to self-quarantine if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 based on MSDH guidance that is not otherwise explained:

- Fever of 100.4° F or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea



If the answer to any of these questions is “Yes,” families should keep the student at home, and notify the school of your child’s absence. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.

Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without other obvious explanations are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately.

Temperature Screening:

- 1st Check-** Parents are required to check their child’s temperature before they leave home. Employees are required to check their temperature before they leave home.
- 2nd Check-** Student temperatures will be checked when they arrive at their homeroom/ first-period class.

WHAT TYPES OF SCREENING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED?

LCSD has implemented screening protocols for anyone that enters LCSD buildings, which may include asking questions about symptoms and examining people who appear healthy and asymptomatic.

- Self-Screening:** We will require students, parents, and employees to self-screen for COVID-19 prior to coming to school. The first self-screening process begins AT HOME.

Assess for COVID-19 using the following MSDH protocol every morning before coming to school:

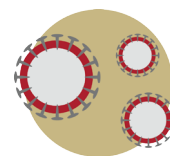
- Has the student had a fever of 100.4° F or greater within the last 24 hours?
- Does the student currently have one or more of the following that cannot be otherwise explained?
 - ~ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - ~ Unexplained fatigue
 - ~ New or worsening cough, runny nose, congestion, or headache
 - ~ Chills
 - ~ Muscle pain
 - ~ Sore throat
 - ~ New loss of sense of smell and/or taste
 - ~ Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Has the student come into close contact with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, with anyone that is currently awaiting a COVID-19 test result, or anyone who has exhibited more than one of the symptoms listed above?

HOW WILL STUDENTS/STAFF BE SEPARATED WHILE IN SCHOOL IF EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS?

Each school will have a Health Station (isolation room) or space separate from the nurse’s office where students or employees who may show symptoms or confirmed to have been in direct contact will wait to be evaluated or for pickup.

Only essential staff and students assigned to the room may enter. Each person who enters the room will sign in to create a record for potential contact tracing, and the room will be disinfected throughout the day. Strict social distancing is required, and staff will wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Students who are ill will be walked out of the building to their parents.

Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility depending on how severe their symptoms are. **Areas will be closed off if used by a sick person, and areas will not be used until cleaning and disinfecting. Areas will be cleaned and disinfected.** Inform the students/employees who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to quarantine for 14 days, self-monitor for symptoms, and follow MSDH guidance if symptoms develop. **“Close contact” is defined as being at less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more.**



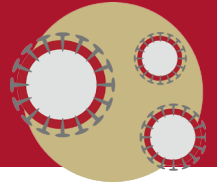
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WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THERE IS A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING?

When there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was in a school building, LCSD will report cases to the MSDH. LCSD will notify parents, students, and employees of close contacts to inform them of the confirmed case of COVID-19 and encourage cooperation with the LCSD and the MSDH to trace contacts with the individual.

In accordance with FERPA regulations prohibiting the sharing of student information, no identifiable student information will be released under any circumstances by the LCSD to any party. The LCSD will not release the names of students or staff who test positive for Covid-19 or who must be quarantined for being a close contact. However, the MSDH may contact you from information your physician may share with the MSDH.

The individual who tested positive will not be identified in communications to the school community at large but may need to be selectively identified for contact tracing by the health department. If there are a high number of cases of COVID-19 at one time, the superintendent may choose to quarantine the class or close the school for 14 days. If this happens the school

will transfer to distance learning for the time period in which the school is closed.

HOW WILL STUDENTS CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION WHILE OUT SICK OR ON QUARANTINE:

The student will immediately transition to online instruction provided by the classroom teacher using the Google Classroom as the learning management system.

ONLINE EDUCATION



REPORTING CASES TO THE SCHOOL

Parents who have a child that tests positive for Covid-19 or a staff member who tests positive should report positive results to your building's school nurse.

Lower Elementary

Alice Willard RN

662-234-5627 alice.willard@gocommodores.org

Upper Elementary

Brandy Gossett RN

662-236-3761 brandy.gossett@gocommodores.org

Middle School

Celia Roberts RN

662-234-1664 celia.roberts@gocommodores.org

High School

Julie Ingram RN

662-234-3614 julie.ingram@gocommodores.org

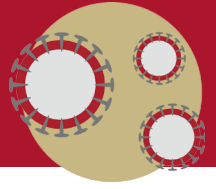
Julie Ingram RN will be the designated school contact to report all LCSD positive Covid-19 cases to the MSDH.



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RETURN TO SCHOOL / WORK PROTOCOL

A. COVID-19 in a student or staff member:

- Any COVID-19 test-positive student or staff member should be isolated at home and excluded from the school setting for 14 days after onset of symptoms (14 days after test date if person had no symptoms);
- An individual who is 14 days past the onset of symptoms (or test date if no symptoms) and has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use or help of medication can be allowed to return to the school setting. A negative test should not be required to return to the school setting. It is also recommended that a return note from the child's medical provider be supplied.
- Close contacts are identified as an individual within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes or greater.
- Recommendations for students and staff identified as close contacts (based on the above definition)
 - Contacts should be excluded from the school setting and should be under quarantine at home for a full 14 days after the last exposure even if they test negative.
 - Contacts should be instructed to undergo testing for COVID-19 (at their primary care provider or at one of the clinics/testing sites listed at https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/14,21912,420,874.html) even if they have no symptoms.
 - Contacts should further be instructed to monitor their symptoms and temperature and contact their provider for evaluation and need for retesting if they develop symptoms.
 - Contacts should not be required to have a negative test prior to return to school if they have remained symptom-free for the 14-day quarantine period.
- In a classroom or group setting (such as a sports team, or other activity) when it is difficult to determine specific contacts, then consideration should be given for exclusion, quarantine and testing recommendations as above for the whole group or classroom, rather than limiting to a few known close contacts.
- Parent notification: The school should notify the parents of children in the affected group or classroom.

B. Suspected Outbreak among students or staff members:

- An outbreak is defined as ≥ 3 cases of COVID-19 in a classroom or group (sports team, group activity, band, or other) within 14 days.
- In this setting, 3 or more cases may not indicate ongoing transmission and will be considered on a case-by-case basis, but the risk of exposure and transmission to the group or classroom is increased.
- The individual cases should be excluded and isolated as described in the previous section.
- In the event of a suspected outbreak, the entire class or group should be quarantined and excluded from the school setting as defined in the previous section.
- School Dismissal Considerations. The school may consider dismissal of the entire student/faculty under the following conditions:
 - If ≥ 3 individual classroom settings, defined groups, or defined buildings are experiencing simultaneous outbreaks, or
 - If multiple absentees or exclusions of students and staff are leading to disruptions in on-campus functioning and impacting the learning environment as determined by the school.
 - If decided upon, the dismissal should be for at least 14 days to interrupt transmission. Appropriate cleaning and disinfection should occur (waiting at least 24 hours) following the MSDH guidelines linked in the previous section.
 - In the event of a school dismissal, extracurricular group activities and large events, such as performances, field trips, and sporting events should also be canceled. This may require close coordination with other partners and organizations (e.g., high school athletics associations, music associations).
 - Also, in the event of a school dismissal, discourage students and staff from gathering or socializing anywhere, like at a friend's house, a favorite restaurant, or the local shopping mall.