

Freeburg District 70 COVID-19 Protocol

Send home for COVID Symptoms: Fever (100.4 F or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of sense of taste or smell, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches from unknown cause. *All symptoms will be assessed and nursing judgement will be enforced.*

Status	Evaluated by Healthcare Provider	Return to School Guidance	Quarantine for Close Contacts	Documentation Required to Return to School
A. COVID-19 confirmed positive or probable case determined by the Health Department	Yes/No	<u>Stay home</u> 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms if symptomatic AND for 24 hours with no fever AND improvement of symptoms. Stay home 10 calendar days from the swab date if asymptomatic And for 24 hours with no fever AND improvement of symptoms.	Yes	Release from isolation letter from the local health department provided by the parent.
B. Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test <i>Negative COVID tests are valid only for the date on which they are collected: specimens collected 48 hours prior to symptom onset, after symptom onset, or while symptoms are present are acceptable for determining school exclusion status.</i>	Yes/No	<u>Stay home</u> until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria determined by the school district. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment and return to school guidance as per school policies.	No	Negative COVID-19 test results are needed for the child to return. RT-PCR, rapid molecular (rapid PCR) or antigen test is acceptable. At-home testing is not allowed.
C. Symptomatic individual with an alternative diagnosis without a negative COVID test	Yes	<u>Stay home</u> until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition. Follow provider directions, recommended treatment and return to school guidance as per school policies.	No	If testing is not performed due to the clinical judgement of the healthcare provider, a medical note is needed to return. The note must state that there is no clinical suspicion for COVID-19 and indicate the alternative diagnosis that is consistent with the child's exclusion symptoms.
D. Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation	No	<u>Stay home</u> 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever AND improvement of symptoms.	Yes, household members, siblings, etc	After the 10 day exclusion, a note from a parent/guardian documenting that the ill student and/or household contacts are afebrile and symptoms have improved.
E. Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact to a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case	No	Unless fully vaccinated, stay home for 14 calendar days after last exposure to the COVID-19 case. Local HD must authorize early release from quarantine. If COVID-19 illness develops, use the 10 day isolation period guidance.	NA	Release from Quarantine letter is needed from the local health department.

*If a child is symptomatic while at school or at home, siblings may also be sent home or asked to stay home based on the symptomatic child's symptoms.

*If a child is considered a close contact of a positive individual, he/she does not have to be quarantined if fully vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine, unless the vaccinated child is symptomatic. The child will be asked to wear a face covering for 14 days while at school. The school requires a copy of the vaccination card on file. If no vaccination card on file, the close contact will quarantine for 14 days.

*This guidance is fluid and may be reviewed and updated based on information obtained from IDPH, CDC, and local COVID numbers.