



Atlantic City Public Schools

Office of Special Education and Student Services

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Positive Screening Protocols During School Day

Exposure, No symptoms:

Staff or Student shares they were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks but is NOT symptomatic.

Exclusion:

- Individual must immediately go home. Separate the student in a designated area with supervision by a delegated staff person until parent/guardian arrives. Individual must wear a cloth face covering if appropriate.
- Parent/Guardian must be notified immediately and provided instructions on return to school.
- **Individual may return to school 14 days after last close contact, if no symptoms develop or they do not test positive for COVID-19.**
- Individual may not utilize group transportation such as the bus in order to leave the school facility.
- If staff member, supervisor/principal must be immediately notified.
- Individual may participate in remote learning and teaching while out (if applicable).

Notification:

- School must immediately contact the Atlantic County Health Department and follow directions shared by Health Department, such as contacting students, staff, and families, and/or specific cleaning protocols.

Cleaning:

Custodial staff will follow cleaning protocol developed by the district utilizing CDC and Department of Health guidelines.

Please note that individuals who have had COVID-19 within past 3 months due not need to self-quarantine or get tested as long as they do not develop symptoms



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Diagnosis, NO symptoms:

Staff or student shares they were diagnosed with COVID-19 less than 10 days ago but is NOT symptomatic.

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- Individual must immediately go home. Student must be separated into designated area with supervision by a delegated staff member until the arrival of the parent/guardian.
- Individual must wear a cloth face covering if appropriate. Parent/Guardian must be notified immediately and provided instructions on return to school.
- **Individual may return to school 10 days after the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, individual must not have developed symptoms since their positive test.**
- Individual may not utilize group transportation such as the bus in order to leave the school facility.
- If staff member, supervisor/principal must be immediately notified. Individual may participate in remote learning and teaching while out (if applicable).

Notification:

- Atlantic County Health Department will be notified and aware of all COVID-19 cases, the school district will work with them to follow their procedures such as contact tracing.

Cleaning:

- Close off areas where the individual came in contact and do not use the areas until after the cleaning and disinfecting is complete.
- Wait at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- Open outside doors and windows to increase circulation in the area.
- Use an EPA-registered disinfectant that is active against coronavirus.



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- Remember to clean items that might not ordinarily be cleaned daily such as doorknobs, light switches, countertops, chairs, and playground structures.

Closure:

- Close off areas where the individual came in contact and do not use the areas until after the cleaning and disinfecting is complete.
- Consult of Atlantic County Health Department as to whether closure of classroom or entire building is required.

Communication with students, families, and staff:

- School will coordinate with Atlantic County Health Department to determine how to inform families and staff as appropriate.
- If the individual tests positive for COVID-19, the health department will assist in notifying staff and families that there was an individual at the school who tested positive for COVID-19.
- The notice to staff and families must maintain confidentiality in accordance with State and Federal laws.



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COVID-19 Symptoms:

Staff or Student presents with at least one of the following COVID-19 symptoms (fever, chills, shortness of breath, new cough, new loss of taste of smell)

Exclusion:

- Entry into the school facility will not be allowed. Individual must immediately go home **and seek medical care.**
- Individual must wear a cloth face covering or surgical mask if appropriate.
- **Individual cannot return without a clearance note from the physician.**
- **If diagnosed with COVID-19, from a physician, based on test or symptoms, individual may return to school when all of the following have occurred:**
 - 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
 - fever free for at least 3 days, without the use of fever-reducing medicine
 - improvement in respiratory symptoms (cough and shortness of breath).
- **If the individual has a negative COVID-19 test, individual may return to school once there is no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicine, and has had no symptoms for 24 hours.** Parent/Guardian must be notified immediately and provided instructions on return to school.
- Individual may participate in remote learning and teaching (if applicable) while home.
- If staff, supervisor or principal must be immediately notified.

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