

January Return to School Update

December 18, 2020

*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



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Winter Break: Monday, December 21 through Friday, January 1

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Reminders of Health Protocols

Below is a reminder of our district protocols for several situations your family may encounter. I have added dates during Winter Break that identify when a student must stay home. For example if anyone in the household has COVID symptoms on or after December 21, they may not return to school on January 4. ***If any of these situations apply to your family, your child(red) must stay home on January 4. You will need to call the health office at your child's school to discuss your child's return to school date.***

Does this mean that if your child has a stuffy nose one day on or after December 25 you need to keep him/her home on January 4? YES! Children often exhibit very mild or even no symptoms at all. They are, however, contagious for 10 days. The only exception would be a negative COVID test or an alternative diagnosis provided in writing by your physician.

Our ability to keep students and staff safe and continue to offer in-person instruction depends on each and every family and staff member adhering to these guidelines. If you attend parties and/or large holiday gatherings, quarantine your family for 14 days. If you are not able or willing to follow these practices, wear masks when outside of your home, maintain social distancing and practice good hand washing hygiene, contact the district office so that we may move your child to remote learning. Once we return to school, the district will move children to a remote learning class if these expectations can't be met.

In addition to attaching the Considerations for Sending Your Child to School that was given to families earlier in the year, I am attaching the front and back of the daily certification form. For families joining in-person instruction for the first time as well as families who may have lost track of their tickets during the adaptive pause, you may print these and use them on January 4 (it does not need to be green).

Situation	Actions to be taken by parent
Household <u>member</u> has COVID-19 symptoms. ON OR AFTER 12/21	Students are required to stay home for 14 days after they are last exposed to the sick person unless an alternative diagnosis is provided by a physician or a negative test result for the sick person is provided.
Household <u>member</u> <u>tests</u> positive for COVID-19. ON OR AFTER 12/21	Students are required to stay home for 14 days after they are last exposed to the sick person and immediate notification to school.
Student tests positive for COVID-19. ON OR AFTER 12/25	Students are required to stay home for 10 days and immediate notification to school.
Student <u>has</u> one of the symptoms listed on the daily certification of health. ON OR AFTER 12/25	Students are required to stay home for 10 days unless an alternate diagnosis by a physician or a negative test result is provided.
Student is identified as a close contact to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. ON OR AFTER 12/21	Students are required to stay home for 14 days after they are last exposed to the sick person.

STUDENTS WHO ARE QUARANTINED OR ISOLATED FOR 10 OR 14 DAYS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE HEALTH OFFICE BY A PARENT ON THEIR FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL.

District Operations During Winter Break

Our district office remains closed during our adaptive pause and Winter Break; however, our staff is available to meet with you as needed on the following dates: Monday, 12/21, Tuesday, 12/22 as well as Monday, 12/28 and Tuesday, 12/29. Please contact the district office at 630-529-2091 and someone will get back to you.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our district!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent



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