

COVID-19: WHAT TO DO IF...

PLEASE NOTE: These scenarios may be adapted for individual circumstances or to align with new health department guidance.

Scenario 01 SELF (Student)

STUDENT HAS CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO IS SYMPTOMATIC (NOT POSITIVE)

The student should come to school, self-monitor for symptoms, and continue safe hygiene and PPE practices. If the original symptomatic person receives a positive result, follow quarantine procedures outlined in Scenarios 2 and/or 3 below.

STUDENT DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

A student with symptoms should stay home or go home. If symptoms develop while at home, stay home until symptom free for 24 hours without medication. If symptoms develop at school, isolate the student and send home until symptom free for 24 hours without medication. If they later test positive for COVID-19, follow the quarantine procedures below.

STUDENT IS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

A positive student should immediately isolate and stay home for a minimum of 10 calendar days after symptom onset or positive test collection, whichever is later. Return to school with a written release from the St. Charles County Department of Public Health.

Scenario 02 FAMILY

A FAMILY MEMBER IS A CLOSE CONTACT

If a family member in the student's home is quarantined because they were in close contact with an infected person (but the family member has not tested positive), the student should continue coming to school.

A FAMILY MEMBER IS AWAITING TEST RESULTS

If a family member is awaiting results from a COVID-19 test, the student should stay home until results are received and then follow appropriate protocol according to the results.

A FAMILY MEMBER IS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Stay home and quarantine for 14 calendar days after last exposure. Return to school with a written release from the St. Charles County Department of Public Health. (Please note that if the positive family member does not self-isolate within the home, the 14 day quarantine does not begin for the close contact until the positive person's quarantine concludes.)

Scenario 03 CLASSMATES

A STUDENT WAS IN THE SAME AREA AS A CLASSMATE, BUT IS NOT CONSIDERED A CLOSE CONTACT

This student would be considered a contact but not a close contact. A contact means the student was in the same room or general vicinity as an infected person but not within 6 feet for more than 15 accumulated minutes. The student should continue coming to school, self-monitor for symptoms, and continue safe hygiene and PPE practices.

A STUDENT IS IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT TO A CLASSMATE

A close contact is any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes (accumulated over the course of a day), starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated. Close contacts must stay home and quarantine for 14 calendar days after last exposure. Students may return to school with a written release from the St. Charles County Department of Public Health.