

DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COVID-19 DECISION TREE

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- COVID-19 symptoms can include fever (more than 100.3°F), loss of smell or taste, cough, muscle aches, sore throat, shortness of breath, chills, new or unusual headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- *Exposure to COVID-19 is generally considered: direct physical contact, less than six feet apart for more than 15 minutes
- These are general guidelines and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis
- The county health department will also be consulted as needed and they may offer specific guidelines which differ from the diocese.

IF COVID-19 SYMPTOMS ARE PRESENT:

Person/parent/guardian will:

1. Notify administrator and stay home or, if at school, person will be isolated and needs to be picked up within 60 minutes
2. Contact physician and follow medical care/advice and notify school administrator of results if COVID-19 testing is recommended
3. Work with administrator to determine contact tracing if person tests positive for COVID-19



If person tests positive for COVID-19 or physician diagnosis COVID-19, the person can return to school when:

- 48 hours have passed since complete recovery AND
 - 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- OR
- 2 negative COVID-19 tests done at least 24 hours apart (provide copy of results to administrator)



If person tests negative or it is determined that the symptoms are not COVID-19 related, the person can return to school when:

- Administrator has been notified in writing of results
- AND
- 48 hours have passed since being symptom-free and no fever

IF EXPOSED* TO COVID-19:

Person/parent/guardian will:

1. Notify administrator and stay home or, if at school, person will be isolated and needs to be picked up within 60 minutes
2. Contact physician and follow medical care/advice and notify school administrator of physician's recommendations (including potential COVID-19 test scheduling and results)



Person can return to school when:

- Person has quarantined for 14 days since exposure, while monitoring to ensure there are no symptoms of COVID-19 (if person develops symptoms, see chart to the left) and a negative COVID-19 test result provided to administrator
- If a household member of a DPB employee/student is in quarantine or has tested positive, all DPB employees/students in that household must also quarantine for 14 days (determined on a case-by-case basis).