



COVID Illness and Return to School Procedures Updated August 26, 2022

I. NEW POSITIVE CASE:

If a child tests positive for COVID-19 a parent shall notify the school immediately. The child shall be kept out of school and can return based on the following procedures.

1. **With a test:** The child can return on Day 6 after symptoms first appeared or the date of a positive test (whichever was first), if the following conditions are met:
 - a. Student received a negative test result at any time on Day 5 or after;
 - b. Be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (a fever is defined as 99.4);
 - c. Be symptom free or show improving symptoms.
2. **Without a test:** If the child chooses not to test, he/she may return to school on Day 11 after symptoms first appeared or the date of a positive test (whichever was first), if the following conditions are met:
 - a. Be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (a fever is defined as 99.4);
 - b. Be symptom free or show improving symptoms.

Example: Student has symptoms of COVID-19 on February 9, and tests positive for COVID-19 on February 10. February 9 is Day 0. Therefore, if the student chooses to test, the student may return to ADS on February 15 if (a), (b), and (c) are met under Section I.1 above.

II. DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

If a child shows two or more symptoms of COVID-19 (as defined Daily Health Screener), the child should test for COVID-19. If the child tests negative, they may return once symptoms have improved and the child has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

III. CLOSE CONTACT WITH A COVID-19 CASE:

No quarantine is necessary for close contacts if the child is not showing symptoms of COVID-19 (as defined in the Daily Health Screener). ADS will still endeavor to inform parents if there are positive cases in a classroom.

III. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- **How will ADS handle multiple positive cases in a classroom?**
If there are multiple positive cases in a classroom, ADS reserves the right to close that classroom for a sufficient period for cleaning and quarantine.
- **What types of COVID-19 tests are acceptable?**
All FDA-approved tests are acceptable, including PCR, antigen, or at-home rapid tests, as long as testing is done in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- **How are days counted for positive cases?**
The Date of Onset is considered Day 0, and is the date on which the child either tested positive or experienced symptoms of COVID-19, whichever is earlier. Day 5 is measured by the 5th day after a positive COVID-19 test result or the onset of symptoms.
- **If a student tests positive for COVID-19, then tests again on Day 5 in hopes of returning to school early and the results are still positive, what happens?**
The student may return on Day 11 without having to further test, or may test again on Day 6-10 and return if the result is negative (provided no fever in last 24 hours, and symptoms are improving, etc).

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and assistance as we navigate these uncertain times. Please feel free to contact the ADS School director if you have any questions about this policy.

By signing below, I indicate that I have read and understand this policy:

Student Name

Parent Signature

Parent Signature

Date