

COVID-19 Protocol  
School Year 2023-2024  
(Updated 6/16/2023)

Collier School will adhere to the following COVID-19 protocol regarding students and staff who test positive for COVID-19.

**COVID-19 compatible Symptoms:**

If a student or staff member is experiencing **2 or more** of the following symptoms, they should be tested for COVID-19 (especially if they have had a known exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19; home tests are acceptable), and/or receive an alternate, documented diagnosis from their healthcare provider:

Fever, Chills, Muscle aches, Headache, Sore Throat, Nausea/Vomiting, Diarrhea, Fatigue, Congestion and/or runny nose, loss of taste and/or smell.

If a student or staff member is experiencing **1** of the following symptoms they should be tested for COVID-19 and/or receive an alternate, documented diagnosis from their healthcare provider:

Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Difficulty Breathing, New Loss of Taste, New Loss of Smell

**Exclusion Protocol**

Any student and/or staff who tests positive for COVID-19, should stay at home for 5 days before returning to school and may return to school on Day 6. To return to school on Day 6, an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 must be fever-free for the past 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and have an improvement of symptoms.

Upon return on Day 6, students or staff must wear a mask on days 6-10. If the individual cannot wear a mask at all times (except while eating lunch) on days 6-10 then they must stay at home until they test negative on a Home/Rapid Covid Antigen Test and provide proof of the negative test. Students must provide proof to the school nurse; staff must provide proof to HR.

When testing positive for COVID-19, the day of the test is considered Day 0, the 5 day period begins the day after the test is taken.

**Exposure Quarantine Protocol**

Quarantine is no longer recommended for people who are exposed to COVID-19 except in certain high-risk congregate settings; schools are not considered high-risk congregate settings. People who were exposed to COVID-19 can continue to attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic. CDC recommends that individuals who were exposed to COVID-19 wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days after exposure.

Exposed persons, regardless of vaccination status, are strongly recommended to get tested 5 full days after exposure.