

Sargent School District COVID-19 Procedures

Safeguards in place

Cohorting and or distancing where practical.

Enhanced cleaning procedures in the cafeteria including hand washing and salad bar served in the line by lunch staff.

Implementing weekly voluntary testing

Parents and teachers screening for illness

Air purifiers to be installed in all classrooms.

Increased cleaning such as fogging and wiping down surfaces

Highly encouraged masks, especially for close contacts.

Illness

Identifying Illness at home:

- 1) Parents will screen their children for any signs or symptoms of illness:

Minor	headache, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
Major	loss of taste or smell, fever of 100.4 or greater, body aches/chills, new cough (unrelated to documented chronic condition)

- 2) If your child exhibits any of the above symptoms of illness please keep them home for observation and call the secretary for an excused absence. Students may return when symptoms are gone. Please see below:

- Children exhibiting symptoms are encouraged to undergo COVID-19 testing before returning to class. Testing can be performed at school in the morning BEFORE your child enters the classroom.
- Doctors' excuses are not required for quarantines or Covid related illness. All other illnesses require a Doctor's note per regular school policy.
- Per regular school policy, students can return 24 hours after fever subsides without the use of fever-reducing medication, 24 hours after the start of antibiotics for infection, and 24 hours after vomiting.
- Cough occurs for many reasons. Students with a new cough unrelated to a documented chronic condition should stay home until the cough subsides.
 - ❖ If coughing is related to a chronic condition such as asthma or allergy then please treat your child before returning to school so that their symptoms are minimal.

- ❖ Please do not give your child cough medicine and send them to school without investigating it's cause.

Testing

Testing is available at school to rule out COVID-19. Please take advantage of it to prevent the spread of COVID to other students and staff. Students must be tested in the morning BEFORE they go into their classroom. Please sign up for the serial testing or make an appointment with the school nurse if you wish to take advantage of this option.

- ❖ If the test is negative they may return to school when their symptoms are gone. However, understand that false negatives are possible and a PCR test from a testing center would be the most accurate form of testing.
- ❖ If the test is positive they will be sent home for a 10 day isolation period which begins on the day they test positive OR the day they first had symptoms. . See quarantine and isolation below.
- ❖ If a parent or student does not want testing they must stay at home until symptoms are gone and follow regular school illness policies.

Addressing Symptoms at School:

- Staff will observe for outward signs of illness and send students to the office as needed.
- If the student exhibits signs of illness above they will be sent home. Testing and evaluation performed by your family health care provider is advised.
 - ❖ If the test is negative they may return to school when their symptoms are gone.
 - ❖ If the test is positive they will begin a 10 day isolation period. See quarantine and isolation below.
 - ❖ If a parent or student does not want testing they must stay at home until symptoms are gone and follow regular school illness policies.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/student-becomes-sick-diagnosis-flowchart.html>

Quarantine

-Quarantine is for individuals exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual.

- If a child has COVID at school, close contacts will be identified using the close contacts guidelines from CDC and CDPHE linked below.
- A close contact is considered anyone less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer cumulative time over 24 hours and/or people who live together. High risk exposures on buses, indoor sports, contact sports, and activities with forced exhalation such as band, may include contacts up to 12 feet.
- Exception: In the K–12 indoor classroom setting or a structured outdoor setting where mask use can be observed, the close contact definition excludes students who were between 3 to 6 feet of an infected student if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S-bXk2yFdFAjBPUMfT-KvNMvz6EA2A9r/view>

- The whole class will be notified to watch for symptoms
- The close contacts will also be especially notified via telephone.
- COVID-19 testing is recommended for close contacts. Close contacts have 2 choices.
 1. Quarantine at home. They can be COVID-19 tested on day 5 of exposure and return on day 7 if symptom free.
 2. Or, students may opt for a 10 day quarantine. This option requires NO testing and students can return after day 10 with no symptoms.

**With both options It is important to continue to monitor for symptoms for the full 14 days. Mask wearing during this period is encouraged.

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/how-to-quarantine>

Who does NOT need to quarantine?

- Completed COVID vaccination at least 2 weeks ago OR
 - COVID-19 confirmed infection in the past 90 days OR
 - Participates in weekly surveillance testing at least one time in the previous week OR
 - Both parties were wearing masks at the time of exposure.
- **Where it is true that vaccinated people do not need to be quarantined, testing is recommended to be done 3-5 days after exposure. All close contacts in any of these categories are advised to wear a mask for 14 days. Despite being vaccinated we are seeing infections with the Delta variant. Please consider following the recommendations.

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Isolation

-Isolation is for COVID-19 positive individuals.

COVID positive individuals have a 10 day isolation period from the start of symptoms or day of positive test. There are no exceptions to this currently.

Reporting

All COVID tests performed by school personnel will be reported to the state, positive or negative. Negative results are reported so that it does not appear that 100% of all individuals getting tested have COVID. It is important to report both results so data is not skewed.

Serial Testing by CDPHE- this program is voluntary and will help us identify illness in the early stages. The benefit is that it will reduce illness in school, reduce quarantine for participants, and provide incentives for testing. Written parent permission required. Testing will take place on Monday mornings before participants join the classroom.

<https://covid19.colorado.gov/free-testing-schools>

These procedures are subject to change based on changing circumstances