

COVID Procedure Practice

The following set of processes is meant to help guide and provide clarity to families and staff on how the St. Croix Falls School District will be addressing COVID based student/staff health decisions. The school district continues to follow CDC and WI DPI recommendations to support learning as we move forward through the pandemic.

Students and staff who **have a positive case** of COVID-19 in the **household**:

- Vaccinated/Unvaccinated - symptomatic individual to stay home until results of covid test negative

Students and staff who are **close contacts of a positive case** of COVID-19 **but have no symptoms** (are asymptomatic):

- Allowed in school unless exhibiting multiple symptoms
- If families allow children to report to school after a potential exposure, it is requested that families please closely monitor for symptoms, consider wearing a mask in school, and get tested at least five days after the exposure. **Students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms will continue to be excluded from school.**

Students and staff who are **home ill/sent home ill** (not a potential close contact):

- Remain at home until symptom free (ie fever free for 24 hours)
- Siblings can attend school
- Consult with medical professional to determine if COVID-19 test is recommended:
 - Provider recommends test: remain isolated until test results are received
 - Provider indicates test is not needed: return to school with medical provider note AND symptom-free for 24 hours

Students and staff awaiting test results are able to attend school if they currently have no symptoms.

Self-Screen & Monitor Symptoms

If students/staff have been exposed to COVID and are experiencing any of the following symptoms, they should stay home/will be sent home: Persistent cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, New loss of taste or smell, Runny nose/congestion, Vomiting*, Severe Headache, Sore Throat, Fever over 100.4*, Muscle aches, Diarrhea*

*Must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school

Student/Employee has COVID-19 Symptoms

Consult with medical professional to determine if COVID-19 test is recommended:

- Provider recommends test: remain isolated until test results are received.
- Provider indicates test is not needed: return to school when symptom-free for 24 hours

Siblings or household members of a “symptomatic” individual will not be excluded from school.

Student/Employee has Positive COVID-19 Test

Individual is isolated based on CDC/DCPH guidance:

- Individual isolates for five days from the start of symptoms.
- After 5-day isolation period, fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication, and improvement of symptoms, individual can then return to school/work.