

# Scotch Plains – Fanwood Public Schools- Protocol for Student Illness/Exposure

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COVID-19 Vaccination Status	Fully vaccinated	Boosted	Partially Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	Proof
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**Illness: (Regardless of vaccination status and/or Post COVID-19 Illness within the last 90 days)**

**Students that have tested COVID positive may return to school if:**

- It has been 5 full days after the onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic after the positive test. (onset of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, the day the test was performed is day 0. (Anticipated return to school **insert date**)
- If asymptomatic when the test was performed but symptoms appear within one week of the positive test, the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0- being the first day of symptoms.
- The student has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- There has been improvement in other symptoms. (e.g. cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, vomiting).
- The student is able to comply with the Return Protocol for Days 6-10. (See Below)

**Students with COVID-19 symptoms must quarantine at home until the COVID-19 test results are available. May return to school:**

- With improved symptoms and with a negative PCR COVID-19 test. (Documentation to be provided to the school nurse.)
- With improved symptoms and a negative rapid antigen test performed at a healthcare facility (Documentation to School Nurse)
- With improved symptoms and Two (2) rapid home tests administered at least 24 hours apart, yielding negative results along with the signed completion of the Attestation form located in PowerSchool [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).
- May return if there has been no potential exposure to a COVID-19 case in the last 5 days AND they have an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider. **.(URI-Upper Respiratory Infection is not an acceptable alternative diagnosis)**
- If not tested, must remain in isolation for 5 days from symptom onset, and may return only if symptoms have improved or resolved, and then follow student return protocol for days 6-10 (See Below) Anticipated Return Date (**Insert Date**)

**Return Protocol for Days 6-10**

- Students **must** wear a well-fitted mask at all times indoors on Days 6-10.
- Students will be excused from any activity that would require the removal of a mask.
- During lunch, maximum distancing should be maintained and masks worn whenever not actively eating or drinking
- If the student cannot wear a mask at all times or does not wear the mask properly (Covering the nose and mouth), the student *will be expected to complete a 10 day isolation period.*

**Close Contact to an Individual that tested Positive for COVID-19.**

**Everyone that has been exposed as a close contact at school should:**

- As a precaution, we recommend wearing a well fitting mask around others for 10 days from their last date of close contact.
- Monitor for symptoms for 10 days. If they develop, get tested and follow the above protocol for illness.
- Consider testing on day 5, unless they have had confirmed documented COVID-19 in the last 90 days.
- Limit participation in extracurricular activities.

**QUARANTINE and exclusion from school is needed for students that are household contacts of an individual with COVID-19 that are not eligible for vaccination, are not up to date\* with vaccination or are unvaccinated.**

**During quarantine** students will:

- Stay home and away from others for at least 5 days (day 0 through day 5) after the last close contact with a person who has COVID-19. \*\* The date of the exposure is considered day 0. Anticipated Return Date
- Monitor for symptoms If they develop, get tested and follow the above protocol for illness.
- Consider testing on day 5 (recommended but not required).

**\*If the COVID + person:**

- Can isolate away from the student, the student starts their 5 day quarantine from the last date of close contact. Last date of contact is day 0. (Total 5 days)
- Cannot isolate but can wear a well fitted mask in the household through day 10 of isolation, the student’s 5 day quarantine starts the day after the COVID+ individual’s 5th day of isolation. (Total 10 days)
- Cannot isolate or wear a mask. The student’s 5 day quarantine starts on the day after the household member completes their 10 day isolation period. (Total 15 days)

*\*As soon as the student receives the booster they are considered up to date, and would be exempt from quarantine.*

***\*\*In all risk levels, students who are not vaccinated with all recommended vaccines including the booster and who are household members of a person with COVID-19 compatible symptoms that meet COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria must be excluded from school until the symptomatic individual provides one of the acceptable forms of clearance listed above.***