

## Mid-Prairie Illness Protocol

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- Your child will be sent home from school or should be kept home from school if they have a fever over 100.0 degrees, is coughing uncontrollably, has vomited, or is having diarrhea. If a student or staff member is sent home or stays home due to illness, they will be advised to seek an evaluation by a health care provider.
  
- If a student or staff member is sent home due to illness, they may return to school when the following criteria have been met:
  1. No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers  
**AND**
  2. No vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours  
**And**
  3. Symptoms have improved
  
- If a student is **treated with antibiotics for any illness** (such as strep throat, pink eye, pneumonia), they may return to school when the following criteria have been met:
  1. 24 hours after start of treatment  
**AND**
  2. No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers
  
- If a student or staff member **tests positive for COVID-19**, they will **isolate** until the following criteria have been met:
  1. No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers  
**AND**
  2. Symptoms have improved  
**AND**
  3. At least 5 full days have passed since symptoms first appeared  
**AND**
  4. Continue to wear a well-fitting mask for 5 additional days. If they are unable to wear a mask around others, they should continue to isolate for a full 10 days.
  
- If a student or staff member **tests positive for COVID-19 and does not have symptoms** (asymptomatic), they will **isolate** until the following criteria have been met:
  1. At least 5 days have passed from their first positive test  
**AND**
  2. They continue to have no symptoms since the test  
**AND**
  3. Continue to wear a well-fitting mask for 5 additional days. If they are unable to wear a mask around others, they should continue to isolate for a full 10 days.

*\*If the person develops symptoms during the time they are isolating, the 10 day period starts again.*

- If a student or staff member has had **close contact (within 6ft for more than 15 minutes)** with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, it is advised:
  - For 10 days after your last close contact with someone with COVID-19, watch for fever (100.4°F or greater), cough, shortness of breath, or other [COVID-19 symptoms](#) .
  - If you develop symptoms, [get tested](#) immediately and isolate until you receive your test results. If you test positive, follow [isolation](#) recommendations.
  - wear a [well-fitting mask](#) when around others at home and in public until 10 days after your last close contact with someone with COVID-19.
  
- **If a student or staff member is awaiting COVID test results, the student or staff member is advised to quarantine until test results are received, regardless of symptoms.**