

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
 4. Masking is recommended for an additional 5 days (days 6-10 after diagnosis)
- 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
 3. Masking is recommended for an additional 5 days (days 6-10 after diagnosis)
- 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 or test positive, follow the above isolation recommendations.
- 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.

