



COVID-19 CASE PROTOCOLS

Although most children do not get severely ill with COVID-19, it is important that steps be taken to prevent further spread and ensure the safety of those who might be at risk.

Colleton County School District will follow the guidelines as outlined by Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) for management of individuals who have been diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19. The current protocols may change in the coming weeks as we continue to learn more about this virus and the effects it may have on our current operating schedule.

Confirmed Positive Case

1. If a student, faculty, or staff member is symptomatic or receives a positive COVID-19 test result, they must immediately notify the school and begin the isolation process as outlined by the CDC and South Carolina DHEC.
2. If an individual is on school campus when symptoms begin; student, faculty or staff will be immediately placed in isolation and transportation arranged for exiting campus.
3. School nurse will notify DHEC upon notification of confirmed positive case. DHEC will begin next steps in contact tracing and provide guidance regarding quarantine, parent communications, and facility disinfections.
4. Any student or staff member who may test positive must isolate for 10 days and not attend school or work.
5. Students, faculty and staff may return only after meeting SCDHEC Return to School Criteria:
 - 10-day isolation -and-
 - Fever free for 24 hours without use of fever- reducing medications
 - Symptoms improving

Additional Information

[SC DHEC SCHOOL EXCLUSION LIST](#)

[DHEC CLOSE CONTACT GUIDANCE](#)

Close contact of a Positive Case

Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a Covid-19 positive person for 15 minutes or more.

1. Students will be immediately excluded from school to begin the 14-day quarantine period.
2. Recommend testing for all students in quarantine during their second week of quarantine (no sooner than 7 days), or earlier if they develop any symptoms.
3. Students must complete 14-day quarantine even if they test negative before returning to school. (this includes household contacts).
4. School nurse will assist DHEC with identifying close contacts.
5. DHEC will begin next steps in contact tracing and provide guidance regarding school exclusions/closures, parent communications, and facility disinfections.

How will parents be notified?

We will work diligently to provide open communication and transparency as well as balance the need to protect the privacy of individuals who test positive. Here is what you can expect from us.

1. All students and parents of close contacts will be notified immediately via phone, email or class dojo.
2. Faculty and staff will also be notified via email if they were a close contact, and provided with quarantine requirements.
- *3. When it is determined, in consultation with DHEC and/or health agency officials that a school or team requires a special notification beyond notification for close contact, the district and/or school will utilize phone calls, emails, and/or written notification to parents, guardians, and staff as appropriate and necessary.
4. For any sports related activities, communication will be shared with parents, coaches, and student athletes on the team.