

2021-22 Covid – 19 Guidelines for St. Edward School

How do I know if I should keep my child home and when to get them tested?

Reducing the spread of COVID – 19 and keeping St. Edward school fully open depends on all of us observing for symptoms and staying home when symptoms arise even if symptoms are mild. It also depends on families letting us know when there is a positive case within their household.

1. If your child has 1 of the following symptoms, stay home:
 - **Cough** (test required or stay home 10 days)
 - **Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath** (test required or stay home 10 days)
 - **New loss of taste or smell** (test required or stay home 10 days)
 - **Fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher** (test required or stay home 10 days if another symptom is present, otherwise must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications)
 - **Vomiting** (May return after 24 hours after last episode unless other symptoms are present, then a test is required or stay home 10 days)
 - **Diarrhea** (May return after 24 hours after last episode unless other symptoms are present, then a test is required or stay home 10 days)
2. If your child has 2 of the following symptoms, stay home 10 days or get tested (if only one symptom is present, the student can be at school with a mask until that symptom is gone for 24 hours):
 - **Sore throat**
 - **Unusual fatigue**
 - **Nausea**
 - **Runny nose or nasal congestion**
 - **Headache**
 - **Muscle aches**

If your student develops symptoms as stated above, even if they are mild symptoms or they are presenting as allergies, please keep them home and consult with a physician. In order to return to school your child needs one of the following:

- **a COVID – 19 PCR test result.**
- **alternate diagnosis from physician.**
- **your student must remain home for 10 days from school from date of symptom onset if you choose not to test or get a doctor note**

A student with diarrhea and vomiting may return to school when they are symptom free for 24 hours.

A student with only a fever may return to school when they are fever free without fever reducing medications for 24 hours.

A fever with any other symptom would require a negative test to return to school. Students with a negative test or after staying home for 10 days may return to school when symptoms are improving and with a mask until symptoms are completely gone for 24 hours.

Students with only one symptom in number 2 above, may be at school, but wear a mask until symptoms are gone for 24 hours.

Please be honest and thorough when calling your student in to the office. We need to know all symptoms so we can be proactive and keep everyone safe and in school. If you choose to not tell us the symptoms, we will assume there are symptoms that require testing and for your child to return we will require a negative PCR test.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We will get through this working together.

