

Frequently Asked COVID-19 Questions

1. Someone within my home has been tested for COVID, can my students attend school?

- a. No, we ask that all students within the household stay at home in quarantine until the COVID results come back.
- b. If COVID test is NEGATIVE - a copy of the negative COVID test needs to be submitted to the District Health Coordinator or a statement from their medical provider that states the COVID test is NEGATIVE.
 - i. As long as symptoms have improved and the student has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, the student is allowed to return to school or work
- c. If COVID test is POSITIVE - all students living within the household will need to quarantine at home. The Fairfield Department of Health will be in touch with the family to monitor their symptoms. The District Health Coordinator will also be reaching out to the family.
 - i. The Fairfield Department of Health will determine when the students can be released from quarantine. The Fairfield Department of Health will provide a release letter to the family that states when they are released from quarantine. A copy of this release letter must be submitted to the District Health Coordinator in order for the students to be cleared to return to school.

2. My child who attends school has tested POSITIVE for COVID, what do I do?

- a. Please contact your child's school as soon as you are aware of the results. The District Health Coordinator will be in touch with you to start contact tracing and begin the official report. The district is required to report all positive COVID cases to the Fairfield Department of Health. Your child will be in isolation for a period of time as determined by the Fairfield Department of Health.
 - i. If there are any additional siblings (students) living within the household who attend school, all must quarantine at home until released by the Fairfield Department of Health.
 - ii. A copy of the release letter from the Fairfield Department of Health must be submitted to the District Health Coordinator.
 - iii. It is important to note that the individual who tested positive for COVID may be released to return to school before their siblings who are quarantined. These timelines are determined by a number of factors: date

of positive COVID test, date of symptom onset (if any), date of last exposure, if the positive student was able to isolate from family, if the siblings develop any symptoms, etc. The Fairfield Department of Health will walk each family through this process

3. How will I be notified of a POSITIVE COVID case in my child's classroom?

- a. A notification letter will be sent out within 24 hours to the parents and guardians that a positive COVID case occurred within their child's classroom.

4. How will I be notified if my child was identified as a direct exposure to the POSITIVE COVID case?

- a. The District Health Coordinator or building administrator will call you alerting you of the direct exposure and the need for your child to quarantine. A follow up letter will also be US mailed home to the parent/guardian of the student.
- b. The Fairfield Department of Health will be in touch with you within 24-48 hours, they will monitor your child's symptoms during the extent of their quarantine. The Fairfield Department of Health will provide a release letter when the child is released from quarantine. A copy of the letter must be submitted to the District Health Coordinator.

5. How will I be notified of a POSITIVE COVID case within my child's school?

- a. A notification letter be sent out to the entire building alerting them of the positive COVID case.
- b. In addition, every Thursday the Ohio Department of Health updates the positive cases reported by each school district to their COVID dashboard.