



# SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL RE-ENTRY COVID PROTOCOLS

Any individual who has been **lab-confirmed to have COVID-19** or is experiencing the symptoms of COVID-19 **MUST** stay home throughout the infection period, and **CANNOT** return to campus until:

In the case of an individual **diagnosed with COVID-19**, the individual may return to school when **ALL** three of the following criteria are met:

1. At least 24 hours fever free without the use of medication;
2. **IMPROVEMENT** in symptoms.
3. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared or diagnosis was confirmed.

• Individuals who have had **CLOSE CONTACT** with someone who has a lab-confirmed case of COVID should notify the school **IMMEDIATELY**. 936-248-5000

**Close Contact:** living in the same household as someone with Covid-19.

• Individuals who have had close contact, but have **NO SYMPTOMS** may be allowed back on campus after **48 HOURS**.

• Wearing a mask is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED following your return**

• If they have experienced symptoms, they **MUST** stay at home until the conditions listed above have been met.

## Identifying Possible COVID-19 Cases on Campus

- Schools must immediately separate any student who shows COVID -19 symptoms while at school until the student can be picked up by a parent or guardian **WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF BEING CONTACTED**.
- Schools **will** clean the areas used by the individual who is symptomatic while at school immediately.
- Students who report feeling feverish will be given an immediate temperature check and go through the pre screening process.

## Required Actions if Individuals with Lab-Confirmed Cases Have Been in School

1. If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify the local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws.
2. Schools **MUST** close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the confirmed case until the non-porous surfaces in those areas are disinfected unless more than three days have already passed since that person was on campus.
3. Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, schools must notify **ALL** teachers, staff and families of **ALL** students in a school if a lab-confirmed case is identified. Notification will be via: school website (Covid Notifications), Facebook, classroom digital communication practices as well as written notice provided to students.

**Symptoms: Fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, head ache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.**