

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 AND MY STUDENT

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Welcome back to a new and unusual school year! We have enjoyed seeing all of the students! Please remember to keep your emergency contact information update, especially current phone numbers and alternative contacts other than parents.

Is my child healthy enough to attend in-person school today?

As previously explained in our district's restart and recovery plan, parents are to complete the Covid Symptoms Checklist on Realtime/Parent Portal at the beginning of each week. However, please remember to assess your child each day for these symptoms and questions and if anything changes, fill the checklist out again during the week.

What do I do if I answer YES to any of the checklist's sections?

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME and call the school nurse for further instructions.

What are the rules and procedures to clear a student to return to school after suspected Covid symptoms (either by parent report (checklist) or school nurse)?

The criteria to return to school after Covid symptoms are as follows:

- Documented proof of negative Covid-19 test & remain fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine & symptoms have improved
- Documentation of an alternate diagnosis from a health care provider & remain fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine & symptoms have improved.
- If no Covid-19 testing or no visit to the health care provider occurred, the student needs to stay home for 10 days and 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medicine & other symptoms have improved.

Should students who are awaiting results of a COVID-19 test attend school while they await test results?

No. Anyone who is sick should stay home from school. Anyone who suspects they are ill or may have been exposed or has received a COVID-19 test should not attend or visit school while awaiting test results. Should the test result be negative, they should follow normal illness exclusion rules (typically 24 hours without fever before they can return to school).

If a student who has been at school is identified as having COVID will I be notified?

If individuals have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, meaning they are within 6 feet of someone for at least ten minutes, they should self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of last exposure before returning to school. In the case of a positive COVID test, the school will work with the Burlington County Health Department (BCHD) to identify close contacts. The BCHD will conduct contact tracing to determine whether or not an individual has been in close contact with a student and advise any affected individuals to self-quarantine for 14 days. This may or may not include all students in the class. If a student needs to self-quarantine, they can then do remote learning for the 14 days.

We are traveling to another state, does the travel advisory affect my child? Should I notify the school?

Yes. If your child is traveling to one of the state's that is on the NJ travel advisory, your child will need to self-quarantine for 14 days after returning to NJ and can not come into the school building. Please notify the school of this travel. The most current list can be found at [covid19.nj.gov](https://www.covid19.nj.gov).

So what's the deal on face masks??

Face masks/coverings are required for all students and staff all day.

- Students should come to school daily with an extra face mask in case a back-up is needed (broken, soiled).
- Cloth face coverings should be washed after every day of use and/or before being used again, or if visibly soiled or damp/wet.
- Disposable face masks should be changed daily or when visibly soiled, damp, or damaged.
- Vented face masks are not allowed in school.
 - The purpose of masks is to keep respiratory droplets from reaching others to aid with source control. However, masks with one-way valves or vents allow air to be exhaled through a hole in the material, which can result in expelled respiratory droplets that can reach others. This type of mask does not prevent the person wearing the mask from transmitting COVID-19 to others. Therefore, CDC and the

Burlington County Health Department **does not recommend** using masks if they have an exhalation valve or vent.

What happens if my child needs to see the nurse during the day?

Teachers will call the nurse to notify her that a child needs to be seen and why. The nurse may go to the student as an option. Student's are then initially screened before entering the nurse's office - temperature check and symptom screening.

- If a student has a nosebleed, injury, cut, etc., they will enter the nurse's office as usual.
- If a student answers yes to 2 symptoms from Column A or 1 symptom from Column B on the Covid-19 daily screening, they will then be escorted to the "isolation" room and parent/guardian will be called. The student will be monitored while awaiting for parent/guardian pick up.

Can my child have a water bottle?

Yes. We are asking students to bring in refillable water bottles. Our non-touch filling stations are on but not our water fountains.

Do I still need to get my child's scheduled school mandated immunizations even if they are remote?

Yes. The state and local health departments are still requiring all mandated immunizations to attend public school either in person or remotely.

What if I have more questions?

You can call your health care providers, the local health department or US - your nurses! We will be happy to answer your questions or find out an answer! When in doubt call or email us!

You can also call 211 for general Covid-19 questions or 1-800-962-1253 for medical Covid-19 questions or visit covid19.nj.gov.